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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**FILE NUMBER: 100-106670**

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Schenectady, New York

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 8th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, I assure you that no Special Agent of the FBI made the statement as you have indicated. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

For your information, inquiries have been made of this Bureau in connection with an affidavit made by Karl Prussion. I would like to point out that he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)  
Heritage of Greatness  
Domestic Intelligence  
4-1-61 LEB intro.  
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. DTP:cai (3)

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April 8, 1965

Mr. Tolson  
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I recently was shown an enlarged photograph which represented several dozen people seated as if attending a meeting. One of the persons seated at the meeting was circled on the photograph and portrayed to be Dr. Martin Luther King. On the reverse side of the photograph was an affidavit allegedly sworn to by an FBI agent which stated briefly that the photograph was taken in 1957 at a communist meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee. It further alleged that during the year 1957, this particular FBI agent attended several communist meetings in that locale and that at all the times therein, Dr. King was present and an alleged communist party worker.

Please advise me of the following:

- (1) Whether your office is aware of the photograph and affidavit.
- (2) Whether the same was issued or distributed with your knowledge.
- (3) Whether the person involved is really Dr. Martin Luther King, and if the affidavit was signed by an FBI secret agent.

Since this matter disturbs me greatly if true, I would appreciate immediately response hereto.

Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SC  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: April 5, 1965

Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE  
SUBJECT: CIRM  
(BUFILE 100-442529)  
(ATLANTA FILE 100-6670)  
(BAFILE 100-23443)

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(BUFILE 100-438794)  
(ATLANTA FILE 100-5718)  
(BAFILE 100-23450)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau and Atlanta dated  
April 2, 1965, captioned as above.

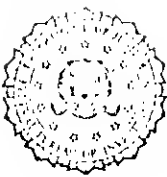
Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 14 copies of  
LHM captioned, "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C". Five copies of LHM are also enclosed  
for Atlanta.

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(Encl. 14) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
5 - Atlanta (1 - 100-5586 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
(Encl. 5) (RM AIR MAIL)  
3 - Baltimore (1 - 157-833 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

April 5, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

BOYCOTT OF ALABAMA BY THE SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
PROTESTING VOTER DISCRIMINATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 2, 1965, the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. held a press conference at noon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The Sun, a Baltimore daily newspaper, on April 3, 1965, reported that the Reverend KING had declared an immediate economic boycott of Alabama with a timetable of intensifying stages designed to bring the state to terms on the issue of civil rights.

Major industries now planning to locate or expand in Alabama were asked to suspend these plans immediately and the Federal Government was urged to enforce vigorously the section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which prohibits racial discrimination in programs supported by Federal finances.

The second stage calls for action from community leaders as well as the Federal Government. He said that men of good will in churches, labor unions and private institutions would be asked to withdraw investments or pension funds from placements which might be used to support racism and brutality in Alabama and the United States Treasury would be asked to withdraw tax debts from deposits in Alabama banks.

The third stage would be to call on the nation to boycott specific consumer products which would be "carefully selected". Dr. KING listed five responses he expected in Alabama as evidence of a change in racial attitude. They were:

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RE: BOYCOTT OF ALABAMA BY THE SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
PROTESTING VOTER DISCRIMINATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

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1. An end of the poll tax in state elections.
2. Voter registration at times convenient to working people.
3. The appointment of Negroes to policy making positions on state boards and in state agencies.
4. An end to police brutality and equal police protection to all citizens.
5. Denunciation by officials and civic leaders of violence and the use of racist ideas in political statements.

Dr. KING also stated at his press conference that besides the boycott now underway, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) agreed to several other courses of action. They are:

1. A massive and intensive voter registration drive in 120 black belt counties in seven southern states to be undertaken by 2,000 college student volunteers this summer.
2. An expansion of SCLC work into several northern cities this summer. Targets will be discrimination in employment, housing, de facto school segregation and problems of poverty.
3. A tour of many northern cities by Dr. KING before summer "to inject non violence into the veins of them" in an effort to forestall violent racial disturbances.
4. Recommendations for changes in the proposed voting bill to expand its area of jurisdiction into all states, to eliminate poll taxes in state elections and to provide protection to voters from harassment and intimidation.

RE: BOYCOTT OF ALABAMA BY THE SOUTHERN  
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
PROTESTING VOTER DISCRIMINATION  
RACIAL MATTERS

Dr. KING spoke at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland, on April 2, 1965, and from there went directly to Friendship International Airport.

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advised on April 2, 1965, that Dr. KING boarded Eastern Airlines Flight 64 at 4:00 P.M., April 2, 1965, and that that plane was flying non stop to Kennedy International Airport, New York City, where it was scheduled to arrive at 5:06 P.M.

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Date: 4/12/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM of 4/7/65, and New York airtel and LHM of 4/9/65, captioned, "Demonstrations Protesting U.S. Intervention in Viet Nam - Information Concerning". Re communications concerned discussions and proposed action by religious leaders protesting U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

In regard to Atlanta's instruction that New York identify the "Religious Leaders for National Action", it is believed that this group is synonymous with the proposed "Religious Leaders National Vigil" which is mentioned in referenced New York LHM.

The last mentioned title was mentioned during a conference of KING, RUSTIN and HERMAN WILL of the Methodist Church, which was held on 4/5/65.

Neither of the names mentioned are contained in the files of the NYO.

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2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-136585) (42)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862) (P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Omaha airtel to Bureau 3/18/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM captioned as above. Two copies each of LHM are furnished to Atlanta and Springfield.

Also enclosed for Springfield is one copy each of LHMs previously submitted by Omaha with airtels to Bureau 3/18/65 and 1/26/65.

For information of the Bureau and Atlanta, the Quad-Cities Airport is located at Moline, Illinois, which is in Springfield territory.

The source from which information obtained as set forth in LHM [REDACTED]

Omaha and Springfield will report information as available from public sources and established reliable sources, UACB.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8 - REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encls. 2- REGISTERED MAIL) (100-5586 and 100-6670)
- 2 - Springfield (Encls. 4 - REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Omaha

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SSI, [REDACTED]

DATE FORW: 4/14/65

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On March 30, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

The Savannah Chapter of the Citizens' Inter-racial Council (CIC) will pay the airline expenses for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and one aide, and will also pay hotel expenses for King and one aide. The source had no information as to whether or not King and one aide will accompany Dr. King to Savannah, Iowa, on the evening of arrival in the Quad-Cities area.

An article in the Savannah Daily newspaper, on page 31 of the issue for April 31, 1965, carried an article captioned "KING WILL SPEAK HERE". The article indicated that King will appear while in the city will be at the dinner which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., April 28, 1965, in the Savannah Masonic Temple.

The article indicated .... "Because of an already crowded schedule, Dr. King will not arrive in Savannah until shortly before the dinner. He will depart early the following day...."

The article indicated Charles W. Casey, CIC President, "...disclosed that the auditorium facilities of the Masonic Temple will not be used April 28. Arrangements, however, have been made for seating more than 1,000 in the basement area of the Temple."

The article continued .... "All other ticket sales are being handled by mail. Tickets at \$10 a piece may be obtained by addressing requests, with remittance, to CIC, P. O. Box 866, Savannah, Iowa. Tickets will be sold the evening of the dinner."

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

On April 3, 1965, the source mentioned above advised that Iowa Governor Harold Hughes and numerous city officials from the Quad-Cities area have been invited to attend the CIO dinner. No response has been received from Davenport Mayor Raymond F. O'Brien, but the Mayor from Moline, Illinois, has expressed his intention to attend the dinner.

Contact by CIO with the Iowa State Attorney General's Office disclosed that several Iowa State Agents will be on hand in Davenport on the night of April 28, 1965, to assist if their assistance should become necessary.

The source advised one suite has been reserved for Dr. King and an, as yet, unidentified aide, at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa. Dr. King's exact time of arrival in Davenport is not yet known, but a press conference is scheduled for him at the Masonic Temple, Davenport, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m., April 28, 1965. Dr. King hopes to leave the Quad-Cities area about 6:00 a.m., April 29, 1965.

The Times-Herald, a Davenport daily newspaper, on page 17 of the issue for Monday, April 5, 1965, carried an article captioned "PACEMAKER IS KING FITE TOASTMASTER," and the article states as follows:

"J. T. Hageboeck, vice president of Frank Foundries Corporation, Moline, will be toastmaster for the upcoming Pacem in Terris Dinner honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., officials of the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council, sponsors of the event, announced today.

"The dinner which will be the occasion for the presentation of the 1965 CIO Pacem in Terris peace and freedom award to Dr. King, will be held at 7 p.m., April 28, in the Davenport Masonic Temple.

"Hageboeck, widely known for his civic activities in Moline and the Quad-Cities, is a member of the Moline Human Relations Commission, the Quad-City Human Rights Council, and the national council of the United World Federalists. He is a past president of the Civic Music Association.

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

"He delivered the main address at the May 1964 Scott County interfaith conference on religion and race.

"CIC President Charles W. Toney disclosed that several state and local officials have confirmed plans to attend the dinner.

"Lt. Gov. Robert Fulton will represent Gov. Harold Hughes. Atty. Gen. Lawrence Sealise has also indicated that he will attend.

"The Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, Bishop of Davenport, has accepted an invitation to attend. Invitations have been extended to dual-city mayors.

"Tickets for the \$10 a plate fete may be obtained by addressing requests, with remittance, to the CIC P.O. Box 866, Davenport, Iowa."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: JACKSONVILLE 62-731

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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA; INFORMATION  
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KNOWN AS LOCAL DRUNKARD.

[REDACTED] DRINKING TODAY WHEN INTER-  
VIEWED BY AGENT AND CLAIN'S BOY. WALLACE OF ALABAMA  
TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING AT  
SELMA ON SATURDAY. LAW FELLOWS.

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 Jackson, 1000 1st St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
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9-26PM CST URGENT 4/9/65 MCM  
TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE  
FROM MOBILE

b7(c) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PANAMA CITY, FLA.

INFO CONCERNING.

RE TELCON FROM JACKSONVILLE THIS DATE.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SELMA, ALA., ADVISED, ALSO ALABAMA

STATE TROOPERS.

FOR INFO, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS NOT IN SELMA, ALA.,  
AND HAS NO KNOWN PLANS TO APPEAR SELMA ANYTIME IN NEAR FUTURE.

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6076 AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: P/c SAC, MOBILE (100-1472)(P)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(BUfile 100-106670)  
(ATfile 100-5586)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(BUfile 157-SCLC)  
(ATfile 157-825)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Atlanta are indicated copies of letterhead memorandum dated 4/7/64, captioned, "PROPOSED SPEECH IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, IN MAY, 1965 BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA," copies of which are disseminated locally to intelligence agencies.

Enclosed memorandum sets forth that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING would come to Mobile, Ala., during the first part of May, 1965, would stay overnight, and then leave. He said he felt sure that if KING was not allowed to come into Mobile to make this speech, then the entire group of SCLC staff workers would move into Mobile for demonstrations and related activity. He said; however, that he felt certain there would be no problem with the

- ENCLOSURE
- (4) - Bureau (Enc. 10)(RM)
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  - 3 - Mobile

(100-1472-KING)

(157-192-SCLC)

(100-1396-RACIAL SITUATION, MOBILE, ALABAMA)

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AGENCY: [REDACTED] SER.

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BY: S.E.E./JTB

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local city administration in connection with KING's visit to Mobile. [REDACTED] other local Negro leaders are not in favor of any demonstrations or disturbances in the Mobile area.

It is noted that the letterhead memorandum also includes information that a rumor had been circulated in Mobile that the SCLC would hold a demonstration in Mobile April 15, 1965, but [REDACTED] said this is not true and that the report was started by one EDWIN MOORER. b7(D)

[REDACTED] said that he would notify Mobile when the date of KING's appearances in Mobile are finalized.

Atlanta, Ga., will advise Mobile of any information received of KING's expected visit to Mobile.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama

April 7, 1965

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PROPOSED SPEECH IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, IN  
MAY, 1965 BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA:

[REDACTED] advised that it had been rumored in Mobile that there would be a voter registration demonstration in Mobile on Thursday, April 15, 1965. He said that it had been reported that Reverend J. E. Lowery, a representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Birmingham, Alabama, and a former resident of Mobile, would come to Mobile to lead the demonstration which demonstration would be an SCLC affair. He said that a local Negro, Edwin Moorer, had been claiming to be connected with the SCLC and was probably the one who was making plans for the demonstration.

[REDACTED] advised that no demonstration of any kind is planned for Mobile. [REDACTED] said that Edwin Moorer is a local Negro, but has no connection whatever with SCLC, although he has been collecting money throughout the Mobile area and reportedly has been claiming he is working with SCLC. [REDACTED] stated that during the night of April 6-7, 1965, he had received a call from C. T. Vivian of SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, saying that word of Moorer's activity had gotten back to SCLC Headquarters.

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PROPOSED SPEECH IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, IN  
MAY, 1965 BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRESIDENT  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Vivian instructed [REDACTED] to disavow Edwin Moorer publicly and to announce that Moorer has no connection whatever with SCLC. [REDACTED] will notify Moorer that if he persists in claiming connections with the SCLC and collecting money or performing other activities under the name of the SCLC the organization will attempt to prosecute Moorer criminally.

[REDACTED] said that he had heard the rumor about an SCLC voter demonstration for Mobile Thursday, April 15, 1965, but that this rumor was the work of Edwin Moorer and there is no truth whatever in the rumor and there is no demonstration planned for that date or anytime insofar as he is currently aware.

[REDACTED] said that he had received notice, however, that Reverend Martin Luther King would come to Mobile, Alabama, to make a speech sometime during the first part of May, 1965. He said that he does not know the date King is to come to Mobile, but said that he would furnish this information when received by him. He said that it is tentatively planned that King will speak in Mobile, stay overnight, and leave the next morning. b7(D)

[REDACTED] said that he does not feel there will be any problem in connection with King's appearance in Mobile and it is expected that King will make his usual public speech concerning voter registration and related matters.

[REDACTED] said that if King was not allowed to come into Mobile and make his speech without interference, that the entire staff of SCLC workers would come into Mobile for demonstrations, which [REDACTED] is not in favor of. He said he feels certain there will be no problem; however, in connection with King's appearance for a speech as the city administration and police agencies of Mobile would not try to interfere with King's visit, but would be interested only in maintaining order.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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To: SACs, Atlanta (100-5586) (Enclosures - 2)  
Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
THREATS AGAINST KING

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ReBhairtel, with letterhead memorandum, 4/8/65, concerning an alleged offer of a \$15,000 reward for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., copies of which are attached for Atlanta.

Both Atlanta and Birmingham should advise local authorities concerning this alleged threat.

Birmingham should submit explanations and recommendations for administrative action for responsible personnel for delay in submitting the above-mentioned information to the Bureau and Atlanta. It is pointed out that the information was received by the Birmingham Office on 3/11/65 and was not submitted to the Bureau until 4/8/65. This must be handled by return airtel.

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NOTE:

Birmingham received information from [redacted] on 3/11/65 who reported he overheard a conversation between four attorneys who discussed the donation of funds to make up a \$15,000 reward for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. In view of the delay in submitting this information, explanations and recommendations being requested.

The information being disseminated to Department, Secret Service, Bureau of Narcotics and other interested intelligence agencies. Bureau of Narcotics included since [redacted] indicated his services had been utilized by that Bureau.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Fremont, California

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 7th has been received, and I want to  
thank you very much for the generous comments concerning my administration  
of the FBI.

While I would like to be of service, information contained in  
the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance  
with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official  
use only. I regret that I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust  
you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment  
along the lines you have mentioned.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of  
interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Our Heritage of Greatness  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
U. S. News and World Report (12-7-64)

NOTE: [Redacted] cannot be identified in Bureau files.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "A/a", "JRM", "JCH", "JMS"]*

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Fremont, California  
April 7, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Our household has been in a turmoil over the recent racial problems and we have quite a difference of opinion about it. I have been supporting the Negro cause both with words and with money. My husband feels that this is complete nonsense. He heard a Negro minister talk at a Rotary Club meeting a month or two ago and he claims that Martin Luther King is definitely a Communist. My husband said this minister had pictures and other "documents" to prove that King has been working with the Communists. I am the first to admit that the Communists are using this racial crises to the fullest advantage but am not convinced that the leaders of the movement are working for anything but the equality of the Negro.

I certainly don't expect you to settle our little squabble but would appreciate your opinion on one matter. I do not want to continue giving money to this cause if the money will be used in subversive ways. If you are not free to state definitely whether Martin Luther King is a Communist or not, could you please give your opinion whether money should be given through our churches or not.

With great appreciation for your time and the fine work you have done for our country through the years.

Very sincerely,

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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My letter to you dated April 8, 1965, furnished information concerning a proposed boycott of Alabama products which had been announced by Martin Luther King, Jr. The following information which was furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have supplied reliable information in the past,

Two frequent advisors of King, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones, recently conferred concerning the Alabama boycott. Levison indicated that he had met with King on April 4, 1965, at which time King sought Levison's opinion concerning the boycott. Levison stated that he told King it was not a sound policy; that King should back away from the boycott proposal; and that only new industries going into Alabama should be threatened with a boycott. Levison told Jones that King seemed to agree with Levison's advice. (u)

Levison and Jones also discussed a new program recently adopted by King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to engage in voter registration activities in a number of southern states during the Summer of 1965. Levison told Jones that he, Levison, had also counseled King concerning this matter. Levison told King to avoid drifting into the summer without a program and while King's program appears to be a good one Levison has reservations about working in seventy counties. Levison does not believe it to be either safe or good from an organizational standpoint to spread out too much. (u)

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The Attorney General

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This information is also being furnished to the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President. U

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. John Doar  
Assistant Attorney General

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Classified "Secret" because the source of the basic information, [REDACTED], is a highly sensitive source of continuing value relative to King and the racial situation. The unauthorized disclosure of the information could endanger the source's security and possibly do injury to the defense interests of the Nation. This information contained in WHARTED and LHM 4-9-68. Separate dissemination being made to the intelligence community. U

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TO : Mr. Rosen, C.

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: April 9, 1965

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan

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1 - Mr. Leavitt

At 5:49 p. m., Departmental Attorney Frank Dunbaugh, Civil Rights Division, contacted Extra-Duty [REDACTED]. He advised as follows:

Dunbaugh stated the Department had received information from Departmental people working in Alabama in photographing voter registration records of a rumor picked up today in the court house at Monroeville, Alabama, to the effect that Martin Luther King would take part in a march planned for 4-10-65, at Monroeville. He had no details concerning this matter and pointed out this was a rumor. This data was furnished to SA [REDACTED] Domestic Intelligence Division, which Division handles Racial Matters, as well as Martin Luther King.

## ACTION:

None . . . for information.

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ADDENDUM: 4-9-65 TWL:hw

At 11:03 p. m., Mr. Dunbaugh was advised that inquiry at Monroeville, Alabama, determined there were no planned demonstrations or marches for 4-10-65, that Martin Luther King had not been in contact with Monroeville Negro leaders, and they have no plans for him to come to area.

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April 12, 1965

[Redacted Address]

Dallas, Texas

Dear [Redacted Name]

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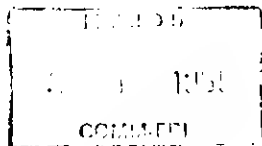
Your letter of April 7th, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

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J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

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Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64

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NOTE: There is no information in Bufiles to preclude this letter, and we have had prior correspondence with him, last outgoing 2-8-61, at which time he was sent reprints on communism.



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DALLAS, TEXAS

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several years ago, I wrote you for information on the student riots in San Francisco. I was most flattered to receive a personal letter from you along with your report to Congress on the affair.

I am sure that your schedule is too full to answer this particular letter. I would appreciate you having it answered by someone who can clarify this additional question.

Attached is the back page of a reprint of American Opinion which is titled "Two Revolutions At Once." The marked two paragraphs accuse Martin Luther King of certain associations with known Communists. In addition, I understand that newspaper photos of King at the Capitol in Montgomery showed some of these people standing with him.

My question is simple. Are the allegations made in this article true or false?

I would greatly appreciate having your opinion on this. Let me assure you that I am not a subscriber to American Opinion. This particular reprint was passed to me by a personal friend.

Sincerely,

Wednesday afternoon,

April 7, 1965

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the attention of Highlander Center listed Martin Luther King as one of official sponsors.

Among other close associates of King are James Dombrowski, and Carl and Anne Braden, all three identified under oath as Communists; and Bayard Rustin, who joined the Young Communist League in 1936, and whose pro-Communist activities and criminal career are all a matter of record. Rustin served as King's secretary for five years, and accompanied King to Norway in December, 1964, when King was given the Nobel Peace Prize. A full listing and documentation of King's connection with Communists would take many pages. And in the face of this record King simply revealed his own character by his recent claim that "there are as many Communists in the freedom movement as there are Eskimos in Florida." This brazen statement itself follows the Communist technique: "L'audace, toujours l'audace!"

The tremendous "honors" heaped upon King reveal two things: (1) How far King has gone in establishing himself as the favorite of the Communists, or as the Ben Bella of the Negro Revolutionary Movement; and (2), how far Communist influences have gone in subverting great prize committees and universities to the service of Communist propaganda and purposes. The fact that Yale University once gave Martin Luther King an honorary degree does not make King any less the "notorious liar" which J. Edgar Hoover called him, nor any less of a

trouble maker pushing pro-Communist programs than his record proves him to be. It merely shows the utterly disgraceful level to which Yale University, along with many other institutions of higher learning--has been brought by the influences which now control it. As for the real significance of the Nobel Peace Prize, we published nearly ten years ago the plain fact that, even then, for all practical purposes, the Nobel Prize Committees had become simply propaganda agencies of the Soviet Government.

A more detailed study of "the life and lies" of Martin Luther King, from plenty of materials which are available, will convince any reasonable American that this man is not working for, *but against*, the real welfare and best interests of either the Negroes in the United States, or of the United States as a whole. And the same thing is true of many of the other leaders in the "two revolutions at once" which now beset our nation.

Finally, let us repeat once again: The fundamentally decent American mind simply refuses to recognize the nature of the beasts with whom we are now engaged in the most completely all-out struggle that the human race has ever known. But it had better be recognizing these realities soon, or all decency will be deliberately wiped off the face of our planet. For if and when the United States goes the way of Czechoslovakia and China and Cuba and the Congo, not only will our own freedom, our lives, and our country be lost, but our whole civilization will be destroyed.

Reprints of TWO REVOLUTIONS AT ONCE are available, postpaid, at the following prices: Ten copies, one dollar; 100-999 copies, eight cents each; 1,000 or more copies, seven cents each.

For more complete information on many topics discussed above, our *Civil Rights Packet* is available, in any quantities, at one dollar per packet, postage paid. For either this article, or the packet, order from

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making outsiders, from all over the country, shipped into your state for the specific purpose of breaking its laws -- all under the pretense of correcting some fault of your state, while crime and immorality and injustice were rampant in their own. When you add to that situation the fact that a large number of the trouble-making leaders in the forefront of this invasion are known to be Communists, fellow travelers, or Communist frontiers, you certainly would not be happy about a similar development around you. And you have no more reason to be happy about it, or to give these actions your moral support -- even through tacit lack of protest -- than do the good people to whom it is actually happening in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

As to the pro-Communist personnel among these invaders, we call your attention to a recent speech by Senator Eastland, on the floor of the Senate, which was printed in the *Congressional Record* for February 3, 1965. He needed many pages of fine print to give the detailed record and documentation on the Communist affiliations of just the leading lawyers, in the group organized in New York and California to go to Mississippi and obtain hundreds of depositions in an effort to unseat the five Congressmen now serving in our House of Representatives from that state. The same would be true with regard to similar groups of invaders who have gone to Alabama and Mississippi for parallel purposes in connection with the whole synthetic turmoil which has been created there.

We contend that if enough people come to know these facts, and to understand the Communist influences at work in the total picture, the whole "civil rights" agitation and Negro Revolutionary Movement will all collapse as did the defense of Alger Hiss when the truth at long last became obvious to the court and the

jury. And we hope that every patriotic reader will help us, as far as he is able, to reach other readers with this truth. The stakes in this struggle of truth against falsehood are as high as they have ever been in history.

Wake up yourself, and wake up your friends and neighbors and associates to the part being played by the Federal Government, by the National Council of Churches, and by much of the press -- although in general more unwittingly -- in advancing Communist purposes, in demoralizing opposition to Communism, and in tearing to pieces the safeguards and framework of our Constitution. And since a single illustrative example frequently brings the beginning of understanding better than a general survey, you might want to use Martin Luther King as an introductory exhibit.

For few private citizens have wielded more influence in shaping the domestic policies of our Federal government than has King, and few have deserved this power and prestige less. Even Joseph Alsop says that King "has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice." And this was putting the matter very mildly indeed.

For an illustration, King employed one Jack O'Dell as a top level aide from 1960 to 1963, even though O'Dell was a known member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and was officially so listed on their letterhead of November, 1961. For another, Martin Luther King himself attended the Highlander Folk School, in Monteagle, Tennessee, over Labor Day weekend in 1957. The record is clear that this institution was a "Communist training school." That same school now operates as the Highlander Center, in Knoxville, Tennessee; and as recently as May, 1963,

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Date: 4/9/65

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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[Handwritten signature]

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and Knoxville dated 4/6/65 regarding the photograph of KING being present at the Highlander Folk School in 1957.

A review of Atlanta files disclosed that the photograph of KING mentioned in referenced airtel has been circulated by the Klan for the past several years. There is no information available, however, to show connections of KING with the Highlander Folk School except for his attendance at the 1957 meeting where the photograph was taken.

UACB Atlanta will take no further action in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]  
Flat River, Missouri

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Dear [REDACTED]

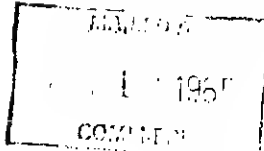
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Deadly Duel  
U.S. News & World Report, 12-21-64

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bureau files.

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[REDACTED]  
Flat River, Missouri  
April 6, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20525

Dear sir,

My name is [REDACTED] b7(c) I am a senior at Flat River High School. I would like to have some information concerning the life history of Martin Luther King. I desire this information to complete a research paper. If it is at all possible would you please send me this information.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Womack

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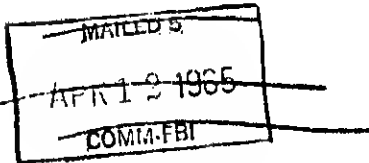
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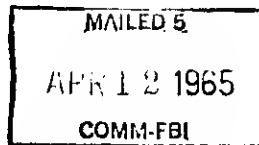
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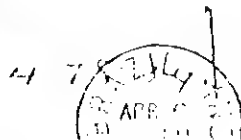
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Very truly yours,

  
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Brazill, Louisiana  
April 6, 1965

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-46230)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Bureau airtel to Baltimore, 4/1/65. Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 3/31/65, captioned "ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." Savannah teletype to Bureau, same caption, 3/30/65.

In view of instructions in referenced Bureau airtel, no further investigation is being conducted by Philadelphia.

Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 3/31/65, forwarded a letterhead memorandum to Bureau and Atlanta, which contained the information requested in Bureau airtel to Baltimore, 4/1/65. ~~other than~~ the present place of incarceration of [REDACTED]

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Eight copies of a letterhead memorandum containing that information are enclosed for Bureau and two copies for Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Little Rock, Miami, Savannah, and Tampa.

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9-7 to Phil 4/5/65  
2-7m not dis. Info. added  
to your LHM 3/31/65 which was  
Sent djs. not that Mike Per  
4/2/65 LHM standing alone, is  
near meaningless. Jany could  
not see Phil. in that form.  
JSP: C-3

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 2, 1965

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

b7(c) [REDACTED] District  
Attorney's Office, Chester County, West Chester, Pa., advised  
on April 2, 1965, that [REDACTED] is now imprisoned  
at [REDACTED] Pa.

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Honorable Howard W. Robison  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I received your communication of March 31st  
enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] of Ithaca,  
New York.

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While I certainly would like to be of service to  
your constituent, information contained in the files of the FBI  
must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations  
of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust [REDACTED] will  
understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance.

In response to your request, I am returning his  
letter to you, along with some literature I hope will be of interest  
to your constituent.

MAILED  
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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"  
12-21-64 U. S. News & World Report  
Senator Dodd's statement of 2-25-65  
2-65 LEB Introduction

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Congressman Robison.  
There is no data in Bufiles to preclude sending material to [REDACTED]

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

March 11, 1965

Samuel Donald Wilson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The attached communication  
is sent for your consideration.  
Please investigate the statements  
contained therein and forward me  
the necessary information for re-  
ply, returning the enclosed corre-  
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

*Harold R. [Signature]*  
M. C.

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RETURN TO

[REDACTED]  
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

Dear Mr. Robison

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Martin Luther King has been a member in some communist organizations.

Would you forward any information you have on this subject. If you do not have the information can you obtain it?

Thank you

Sincerely

[REDACTED] b7(c)

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED] New York

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. Martin Luther King has been a member in some communist organizations.

Would you forward any information you have on this subject. If you do not have the information can you obtain it?

Thank you Sincerely,

[REDACTED] b7(c)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1471) (RUC)

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RMReBA and PHTels 3/30/65. ✓ **b7(c)**Submitted as enclosures to the Bureau are eight  
copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Submitted to Atlanta,  
Baltimore, Charlotte, Miami and Savannah are two copies  
each of this LHM for their information.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

[REDACTED] was arrested on a local traffic charge in [REDACTED] Maryland, by the Maryland State Police (MSP). It was subsequently determined that [REDACTED] was a fugitive and was wanted in the State of Pennsylvania where he had escaped from the custody of the Sheriff's Office, [REDACTED] prior to appearing in court on assault and battery charges.

While in custody of the MSP, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised as follows:

On approximately March 12, 1965, at Columbia, South Carolina, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] (last name unknown) and [REDACTED] (last name unknown). After determining that [REDACTED] was opposed to the racial demonstrations in the South, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] offered [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] \$400 each if they would accompany them to Georgia and \$50,000 additional if they would assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING. b7c

During the above interview, [REDACTED] claimed to have received "mental" discharge from the United States Marine Corps; to have recently been injured in a Greyhound Bus accident; and to suffer hallucinations and amnesia after which he cannot understand which of his memories are fact and which are fantasy.

Philadelphia files indicate [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] Virginia; he is presently [REDACTED]

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married and his wife [redacted] and family reside in [redacted] Pa. [redacted] has been sought and arrested by the FBI on numerous occasions for interstate transportation of stolen property, interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle, theft from interstate shipment, and desertion. [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] 1954, at [redacted] Pa., as a deserter and it was subsequently determined through fingerprint comparison that he had fraudulently enlisted in the Army [redacted]. He was interviewed at this time and he advised he was unable to recall the fraudulent enlistment and/or the subsequent desertion. He claimed at the time to have been under the care of [redacted] Pa., a psychiatrist, since 1950 and to have suffered severe epileptic "fits" prior to and during that time. During this interview he exhibited U. S. Army discharge dated [redacted] 1952, from Camp Pickett, Virginia; U. S. Marine Corps discharge dated [redacted] 1953, from Parris Island, South Carolina; and another U. S. Army discharge dated [redacted] 1949, place of discharge not indicated. [redacted] claimed that all the aforementioned discharges were for medical reasons in view of his mental condition. b7(c)

Philadelphia files reflect numerous references to the fact that [redacted] is a "mental case" and that he has been "an epileptic" since age five. However, the only concrete medical report available at Philadelphia indicates that on approximately [redacted] 1953 [redacted] was committed by his father [redacted], to [redacted] a private mental sanitarium.

[redacted] 1953, [redacted] psychiatrist who had treated [redacted] in the past and who was then his physician, advised Agents of the FBI that [redacted] suffers from a petite mal form of epilepsy known as "ruege state." [redacted] said [redacted] condition was precipitated by the taking of alcohol, after which he undergoes periods of confusion and amnesia as long as 30 days, during which time he commits anti-social acts resulting from dual personality.

[redacted] advised that when [redacted] has a seizure, he can be led to anything short of violence. [redacted] stated he felt subject's condition is genuine since it would be difficult

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to mimic the symptoms as well as mimic the proper reaction to treatment for this mental condition. [REDACTED] advised subject's father paid \$115.00 per week while [REDACTED] was being treated at [REDACTED] however, he did not think subject's father was shielding [REDACTED] since he asked to have his son permanently placed in a State mental institution. The father advised [REDACTED] that he was tired of making restitution for the many crimes committed by his son. At the time of [REDACTED] last visit to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 1957, he advised that [REDACTED] was in a "fair state of mental repair"; however, [REDACTED] was in need of "constant psychiatric attention."

[REDACTED], in which institution [REDACTED] was incarcerated several times, advised on March 30, 1965, that it was generally known that [REDACTED] was a "mental case"; however, [REDACTED] file at the prison failed to reflect any report of mental examination. b7

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[REDACTED], District Attorney's Office, Chester County, West Chester, Pa., advised on April 2, 1965, that [REDACTED] is now imprisoned at [REDACTED] Pa.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

March 30, 1965

Attached reports plot to assassinate Martin Luther King. Information comes from individual who admits to history of mental instability and suffering from hallucinations.

Investigation being conducted to establish truth or falsity of subject's story. Local authorities at Atlanta being advised of threat to King.

In view of subject's apparent mental instability and admitted hallucinations dissemination to Treasury Department re alleged possession of automatic weapons and dissemination to Department and Secret Service will be made after checking subject's story.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MIAMI, CHARLOTTE, PHILADELPHIA AND SAVANNAH  
FROM BALTIMORE (157-NEW)

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTER

ON MARCH TWENTY NINE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN AT [REDACTED]  
COUNTY MARYLAND HE ARRESTED [REDACTED] ON LOCAL TRAFFIC CHARGE.

IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A WAS ESCAPEE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR A AND B FROM

[REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA AND BEING RETURNED [REDACTED] THREE THIRTY

SIXTY FIVE. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] STATED THAT WHILE AT

SOUTH CAROLINA HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A SUB MACHINE GUN AND WAS

APPROACHED BY MEN WHO OFFERED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ASSASSINATE

MARTIN LUTHER KING. ON MARCH TWENTY NINE [REDACTED] ADVISED FBI AGENTS

THAT HE SERVED IN U.S. ARMY AND U.S.M.C. RECEIVING A QUOTE MENTAL

UNQUOTE DISCHARGE FROM U.S.M.C. HE STATED, HE WAS INJURED WHILE

IN U.S. ARMY, WAS TREATED IN FIVE U.S.A. HOSPITALS AND SINCE THEN AND

PARTICULARLY SINCE BEING INJURED WHILE A PASSENGER IN GREYHOUND BUS

ACCIDENT FEBRUARY TWO SIXTY FIVE HE HAS SUFFERED HALLUCINATIONS AND

EN [REDACTED]

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AMNESIA AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHICH OF HIS MEMORIES ARE FACT OR FANTASY. HE RELATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA HE TRADED A NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE DE SOTO TO ~~QUOTE~~ [REDACTED] ~~UNQUOTE~~ [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] SOUTH CAROLINA AND RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND A BROWNING SUB MACHINE GUN TOGETHER WITH A CLIP AND FORTY ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. APPROXIMATELY MARCH TWELVE LAST AT COLUMBIA S.C. HE MET [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FLORIDA AND THROUGH [REDACTED] MET [REDACTED] (LNU) AND [REDACTED] (LNU) WHO WERE IN A LINCOLN CONTINENTAL BEARING UNKNOWN GEORGIA TAGS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AFTER DETERMINING THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO THE RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE SOUTH OFFERED [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH IF THEY WOULD ACCOMPANY THEM TO GEORGIA THAT NIGHT AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IF THEY WOULD ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] STATED NO DETAILS OF POLT DISCUSSED BUT IT WAS STATED KING WOULD BE AT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT ATLANTA APRIL FIVE NEXT. [REDACTED] STATED HE TOLD THESE MEN HE WOULD THINK THE OFFER OVER BUT THAT NIGHT HE SOLD THE MACHINE GUN TO [REDACTED] FOR THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS AND LEFT TOWN AND HAS NO INFO [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES.

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[REDACTED] TO SUPPORT HIS STORY OF POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN STATED THAT APPROX. MARCH FOUR [REDACTED] WHILE DRIVING CAR WAS STOPPED BY A SHERIFF OR CONSTABLE NEAR [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA AND POINTED MACHINE GUN AT THIS OFFICER FORCING HIM TO DROP HIS GUN AND FLED. STATES [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] BAR, [REDACTED] COLUMBIA S.C. MAY BE ABLE TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] (LNU) AND [REDACTED] (LNU). [REDACTED]

STATED THAT HE BELIEVED ABOVE INFO WAS FACT BUT WAS NOT SURE THAT FOLLOWING INFO RE OSWALD AND RUBY MIGHT BE FANTASY ALTHOUGH HE RECALLED THAT IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER SIXTY TWO WHILE AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS HE MET JACK RUBY AND "H.L." OSWALD AT HOME OF GIRL FRIEND OF TEXAS RANGER JERRY HOLT. [REDACTED] STATED RUBY WAS IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS THE OWNER OF THE CAROUSEL NIGHT CLUB AND THAT RUBY AND OSWALD WERE FRIENDS AND RUBY GAVE OSWALD TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO PURCHASE LIQUOR. [REDACTED] APPEARS IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED] ALSO KNOWN AS AKA. [REDACTED]

ITSP, ITSMV ATLANTA ORIGIN AND POSSIBLY IDENTICAL [REDACTED]  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION  
ITSMV; ITSP; UFAP-GL LITTLE ROCK ORIGIN.

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OF STOLEN PROPERTY; UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
GRAND LARCENY

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RESULTS OF BA INVESTIGATION THESE CASES FURNISHED BUREAU AND  
INTERESTED OFFICES SEPARATELY.

PHILADELPHIA AT [REDACTED] OBTAIN BACK GROUND OF [REDACTED]  
ESPECIALLY INFO RELATING TO PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION.

ATLANTA NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

RECEIVING OFFICES FURNISH BUREAU AND ATLANTA ANY INFO BEARING  
MENTAL CONDITION [REDACTED] FROM THEIR FILES. NO INVESTIGATION BEING  
REQUESTED <sup>UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU.</sup> ~~WASH~~ UNTIL INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE MENTAL STATE [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, ATLANTA

FROM SAVANNAH /157-NEW/ RUC

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING. RM

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

A WAS SUBJECT

ON

APRIL TEN SIXTYTHREE IN USDC, AUGUSTA, GA., WAS SENTENCED CUSTODY AG  
FOR ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY FOR VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION SIX  
FIVE NINE, USC. NO INFORMATION IN SAVANNAH FILES SINCE THAT TIME  
EXCEPT THAT HE IS A FUGITIVE IN AN ITSMV; UFAP DASH GL CASE, LITTLE  
ROCK ORIGIN. NO ORIGINAL INFORMATION SAVANNAH FILES CONCERNING  
MENTAL CONDITION. FILE INDICATES THAT PHILADELPHIA IS IN POS-  
SESSION ORIGINAL INFORMATION ON MENTAL CONDITION.

QUOTE END QUOTE MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH

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FOURTEEN FIFTYNINE IN USDC, EDVA SENTENCED ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY CUSTODY  
USAG TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH FOUR YEARS SENTENCE HE WAS SERVING IN  
[REDACTED] VA. ON AUGUST FIVE FIFTYEIGHT HE  
HAD BEEN SENTENCED IN USDC, COLUMBIA, S. C., ON TWO COUNTS FOR VIOLATION  
SECTION TWO THREE ONE TWO, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC, AND RECEIVED SENTENCE  
OF FOUR YEARS EACH TO RUN CONCURRENTLY. NO CURRENT INFORMATION IN  
SAVANNAH FILES CONCERNING HIM. PHOTO BEING FURNISHED PHILADELPHIA  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

[REDACTED] MAY BE IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED [REDACTED] PA., AND RELEASED ON FIVE HUNDRED  
DOLLARS BOND DECEMBER THREE SIXTYFOUR. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE  
UNKNOWN. PHILADELPHIA HAS PHOTO OF [REDACTED] WHICH WAS SENT BY SAVANNAH  
DECEMBER THIRTY SIXTYFOUR.

SAVANNAH INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
NOTED THAT THERE IS A LOUNGE BAR ON [REDACTED] COLUMBIA, S. C.  
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PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] AND  
IF IDENTICAL INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS SUBMITTING  
RESULTS TO SAVANNAH IN THE [REDACTED] CASE. b7(c)

IN VIEW OF THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFERENCED TEL, NO LEADS ARE  
BEING COVERED PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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9-00PM EST 3-30-65 URGENT HWM

TO: DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE

FROM: PHILADELPHIA (157-1471)

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, RM.

RE BALTIMORE TEL MARCH THIRTY INSTANT.

PHILADELPHIA FILES INDICATE [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

VA. HE IS MARRIED. [REDACTED]

AND FAMILY CURRENTLY RESIDE [REDACTED] PA.

HE HAS BEEN SOUGHT BY THE FBI ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FOR ITSP, ITSM,  
TFIS AND DESERTION.

PHILADELPHIA FILES REFLECT NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO FACT [REDACTED]  
IS MENTAL CASE, HAVING BEEN TREATED FOR EPILEPSY SINCE AGE FIVE. THE  
ONLY CONCRETE MEDICAL REPORT AVAILABLE AT PHILADELPHIA INDICATES THAT  
ON APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] FIFTYTHREE [REDACTED] WAS COMMITTED BY  
FATHER, [REDACTED] PHILA., A  
PRIVATE MENTAL SANITARIUM.

[REDACTED] PSYCHIA-  
TRIST, [REDACTED] PA., WHO HAD TREATED [REDACTED] IN THE PAST AND WHO WAS THEN  
HIS PHYSICIAN, ADVISED, [REDACTED] SUFFERS FROM A PETITE MAL FORM OF  
EPILEPSY KNOWN AS QUOTE FUGUE STATE UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]  
CONDITION WAS PRECIPATED BY THE TAKING OF ALCOHOL AFTER WHICH HE UNDER-

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GOES PERIODS OF CONFUSION AND AMNESIA AS LONG AS THIRTY DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME HE COMMITS ANTI SOCIAL ACTS RESULTING FROM DUAL PERSONALITY.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WHEN SUBJECT IS HAVING A SEIZURE HE CAN BE LED TO ANYTHING SHORT OF VIOLENCE. [REDACTED] STATED HE FELT SUBJECT-S CONDITION WAS GENUINE SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MIMIC THE SYMPTOMS AS WELL AS MIMIC THE PROPER REACTION TO TREATMENT FOR THIS MENTAL CONDITION

[REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT-S FATHER PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER WEEK WHILE [REDACTED] HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT THINK FATHER SHIELDING [REDACTED] SINCE HE ASKED TO HAVE SON PERMANENTLY PLACED IN STATE INSTITUTION, CLAIMING HE, THE FATHER IS TIRED OF MAKING RESTITUTION FOR MANY CRIMES.

b7c) AT THE TIME OF LAST VISIT, [REDACTED] FIFTYSEVEN, [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] WAS IN FAIR STATE OF MENTAL REPAIR; HOWEVER, HE NEEDED CONSTANT PSYCHIATRIC ATTENTION.

[REDACTED] ARRESTED [REDACTED] FIFTYFOUR, AS DESERTER, HAVING ENLISTED FRAUDULENTLY UNDER THE NAME OF [REDACTED] AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESERTED.. DURING INTERVIEW SAME DATE, [REDACTED] EXHIBITED FOLLOWING MILITARY DISCHARGES: FROM ARMY DATED [REDACTED] [REDACTED], FIFTYTWO, [REDACTED] VA., HOSPITAL; FROM MARINE CORPS DATED [REDACTED] FIFTYTHREE, PARRIS ISLAND, S.C., AND AGAIN FROM ARMY DATED [REDACTED] FORTYNINE, PLACE NOT INDICATED.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED THE ABOVE DISCHARGES WERE FOR MEDICAL REASONS IN VIEW OF HIS MENTAL CONDITION.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PA., IN WHICH INSTITUTION [REDACTED] WAS INCARCERATED  
SEVERAL TIMES, ADVISED WAS GENERALLY KNOWN [REDACTED] A QUOTE  
MENTAL CASE UNQUOTE; HOWEVER, FILE AT PRISON REFLECTS NO REPORT  
OF MENTAL EXAMINATION.

AS OF NOVEMBER SIXTYFOUR, [REDACTED] BEING SOUGHT BY [REDACTED]  
COUNTY AUTHORITIES, HAVING ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY SHERIFF-S  
OFFICE, [REDACTED] PA. BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO COURT ON A AND B  
CHARGES. b7(c)

LHM FOLLOWS.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 30 1965

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE

FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-731) - RUC 2P

ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING. RM *WCP*

RE BA TELETYPE TODAY CONTAINING ALLEGATIONS BY [REDACTED]

LATEST INFO CE FILES REFLECTS [REDACTED] FUGITIVE  
IN ITSMV, ETC., CASE IN WHICH LITTLE ROCK ORIGIN, BA FILE  
EIGHT SEVEN DASH NINE EIGHT EIGHT ZERO. BA NOTIFY  
LR OF LOCATION IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

*P. J. [unclear]*  
*b7(c)*  
*9. [unclear]*

IN NINETEEN FIFTY THREE NEWARK WAS ORIGIN IN ITSP  
CASE ON [REDACTED] BA FILE EIGHT SEVEN DASH ONE EIGHT NINE  
ZERO. IN THAT FILE PH AIRTEL OCTOBER TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN  
FIFTY THREE, STATES THAT [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]  
SUFFERS FROM FORM OF EPILEPSY KNOWN AS QUOTE FUGUE STATE  
UNQUOTE, WHEREIN HE UNDERGOES PERIODS OF CONFUSION AND  
AMNESIA FOR AS LONG AS THIRTY DAYS. IN NINETEEN FIFTY  
THREE [REDACTED] AT MENTAL SANITARIUM IN PENNSYLVANIA [REDACTED]

IN NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR [REDACTED]

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PH IN DERSETER CASE, CE ORIGIN, BUFILE FOUR TWO DASH ONE  
ZERO SIX TWO THREE SEVEN. ON APPREHENSION IN JUNE, NINETEEN  
FIFTY FOUR, [REDACTED] STATED UNABLE TO RECALL HAVING ENLISTED  
IN ARMY UNDER FALSE NAME OF [REDACTED] AND SUBSEQUENT  
DESERTION. HIS FAMILY CONFIRMED HE HAD BEEN UNDER CARE OF  
PSYCHIATRIST [REDACTED] PENNA., FOR FOUR YEARS.

[REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, [REDACTED] N. C., STATE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY  
INCIDENT NEAR SANFORD ABOUT MARCH FOUR LAST WHEREIN OFFICER  
DISARMED BY MAN WITH MACHINE GUN OR OTHER WEAPON. BOTH  
STATE SURE THEY WOULD HAVE HEARD OF SUCH AN INCIDENT IN  
THAT AREA.

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TO DIRECTOR AND BALTIMORE

FROM MIAMI /RUC/ 1P

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BALTIMORE TEL MARCH THIRTY, INSTANT.

MIAMI FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION RE MENTAL CONDITION OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OTHER THAN THAT REPORTED BY NEW ORLEANS IN ITSMV CASE  
MENTIONED REFERENCED TELETYPE.

FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE, THERE IS NO [REDACTED], FLA.,  
HOWEVER, REFERENCE COULD HAVE BEEN TO [REDACTED] NEAR [REDACTED] FLA.-  
LOCATED TAMPA DIVISION.

AIRMAIL COPY TO TAMPA WITH COPY OF REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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EIGHT SHOULD BE REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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Enclosed are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above; two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta and one for the Washington Field office.

The source of the information in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] a source close to BAYARD RUSTIN.

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④ - Bureau (154- ) (Encls. 11) (RM)  
 (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (RM) *Class*  
 1 - Washington Field (154- ) (Encls. 1) (RM) *9-21-79*  
 1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)  
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The files of the NYO do not contain sufficient subversive information to characterize HERMAN WILL or Bishop JOHN WESLEY LORD of the Methodist Church of Washington, D. C.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a source who has furnished highly sensitive information with regard to racial matters in the New York area and the Communist influence thereof. In view of this, it is imperative that this classification be used.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.New York, New York  
April 9, 1965Bureau 154-  
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ASST. DIR. *Spl. Inv.* Demonstrations Protesting United  
 IDENT. DIV. *2* States Intervention in Viet Nam  
 ASST. TO DIR. Information Concerning;  
 CHIEF OF BUREAU FOR Internal Security -  
 DATE OF REVIEW FOR *4-9-85*  
 DECLASSIFICATION *6076*

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on April 5, 1965, indicating that a conference composed of Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the march on Washington), and one Herman Will (phonetic) of the Board of Christian Social Concern, Methodist Church, took place on that date. According to the source, Will said he was acting on behalf of Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., District, who was unable to participate. The conference, according to Will, was to discuss the possibility of convening about twenty-five representatives of religious groups on an inter-faith basis, on April 12, 1965, in Washington, D. C. The representatives would then consider the advisability of calling for a Religious Leaders National Vigil in Washington, D. C., late in April, 1965, to protest United States policy in Viet Nam. *X (u)*

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King, in commenting on the suggestion, said he was concerned about this Government's policy on Viet Nam, and felt that he could be a part of the group since no position or policy had been worked out by the group. U

In order to fulfill his responsibility to the group, King said he was appointing Walter Fauntroy (Washington D. C. representative of the SCLC) to act in his behalf, and that Bayard Rustin would act as his assistant. U

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. U

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin

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contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. (u)

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# Memorandum

1 - Belmont  
1 - Sullivan

TO : - W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4-14-65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Baumgardner

1 - Wells

SUBJECT: MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, was on the mailing list of Minutemen. Upon interview he denied Minutemen membership. [REDACTED] had been reported to the Detroit Office as being connected with Minutemen.

[REDACTED] has now advised that [REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED] and that he had offered the source a machine gun for \$150. During the conversation concerning the machine gun, [REDACTED] discussed the subject of race problems and stated that at the first opportunity, he "had a bullet for Martin Luther King if Martin Luther King ever again came to Detroit."

[REDACTED] was of the opinion that [REDACTED] was making a wild statement and he described him as a "wild-eyed individual who does a lot of talking." Detroit has disseminated this information to local authorities, Secret Service and our Atlanta Office so that the Atlanta Police Department can be advised. We will furnish it to Secret Service, Alcohol Tobacco Tax Division, military intelligence agencies and the Department of Justice. Detroit investigation is continuing concerning Minutemen.

ACCOMPLISH:

For information. **NOT RECORDED**  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-13-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 7512. Congressman Martin, (R) Alabama, spoke concerning Attorney General Katzenbach and enforcement of the law and stated "last night I listened with amazement and disbelief to the interview on 'Meet the Press' with the Attorney General of the United States." Mr. Martin commented on the removal of demonstrators from the Justice Department Building pointing out that the Attorney General said he did not believe it was proper to sit in in the Justice Department or anywhere on Constitution Avenue in Washington. Mr. Martin stated "Why is it proper to demonstrate on U. S. Highway 80 in Alabama, but improper on Constitution Avenue in Washington? Is this an impartial view of justice by the Attorney General of the United States? Mr. Katzenbach declared his belief in Martin Luther King as 'a responsible leader.' The Attorney General can tell the people of the Nation that Martin Luther King is a responsible leader knowing full well that one of the most respected individuals in America, the head of the FBI—a division of Mr. Katzenbach's own Justice Department—only recently said that Martin Luther King 'is the most notorious liar in the country.' - - - I believe the Attorney General and the President should make clear to the American people where the Justice Department stands in seeing to it that there will be equal justice before the law for all the people of the country, not just a political minority."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-12-65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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[REDACTED] High this year. In my studies of  
the Negro movement: I have heard many rumors  
behind the Negro movement in the  
Negro.

I had a bitter argument with two of my teachers. One  
said there is no proof of this. While the other one  
said it is true.

I know you are very busy, but it is very important to me  
if you could give me any proof one way or the other on  
this matter. Also one of the teacher stated that he read  
an article stating that Martin Luther King is a commu-  
nist or is associated with them. I would like to know  
if this is true also.

This would clear up a few things in my mind and others if  
you would please answer my letter.

Thank You

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Via

AIRTEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-107261)  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-29942) (P)

"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)  
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/2/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned organization. Enclosed for Atlanta and Kansas City are two copies of above described LHM.

A copy of instant LHM has been designated for Secret Service, Detroit, Michigan, who in accordance with previous Bureau instructions have received previous LHM in this matter.

Sources utilized in enclosed LHM are [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] mentioned in enclosed LHM is maintained [REDACTED]

100-10810RB (initials)

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-5) (RM)
  - 1 - 100-106370
- 2 - Atlanta (Enc.-2) (RM)
  - 1 - 100-5596 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2 - Kansas City (62-7797) (Enc.-2) (RM)
- 4 - Detroit
  - 1 - 100-31418 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)

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RAO, ATTN, [REDACTED]

DATE FORW: 4-14-65

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

BY: [REDACTED]

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Section, 4/14/65  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
April 12, 1965

Re: "Minutemen"

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] 1965,  
[REDACTED] contacted by an individual who uses the alias [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is known to the source as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was on a mailing list of the "Minutemen".

The first source advised that on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] engaged the source in a conversation concerning  
guns and offered the source an automatic machine gun of  
.45 caliber for the sum of \$150.00. This machine gun was  
to be available to [REDACTED] in the next week from a  
source known only to [REDACTED] &

During the conversation, [REDACTED] discussed,  
in an informal manner, the subject of civil problems and  
stated that at the first opportunity, he "had a bullet for  
Martin Luther King" if Martin Luther King ever again came  
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[REDACTED] or information concerning [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] Source stated that [REDACTED] is a "wild eyed individual" who has a great deal of "talking". Source stated that it is his personal opinion that [REDACTED] was making a wild statement when he indicated that he might kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. Source stated, however, that this individual does have a potential for violence and is irrational on the subject of race problems. f

Source also stated that [REDACTED] aka. [REDACTED] is considered as having a potential for violence [REDACTED] the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] Michigan State Police, [REDACTED] Detroit [REDACTED] both [REDACTED] have stated that [REDACTED] had made [REDACTED] statements concerning [REDACTED] MARTIN KING. Detroit police officers were confidentially advised of this information and were advised in such a manner as not to disclose the original source of the information.

The Detroit Office is continuing to follow the activities of the "Minuteman" and [REDACTED] and the Detroit and interested offices will be appropriately advised on any information received.

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Date: 4/13/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-New) (P)  
SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY  
SUMMER OF 1965,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., BY  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
AND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
RM  
OO: Philadelphia

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1 - (SCLC)  
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2 - (SCLC)  
1 - (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
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1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)  
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1 - New York (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)  
5 - Philadelphia  
1 - 157-New  
1 - 100-46230 (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
1 - 100-47914 (SCLC)  
1 - 157-788 (LIAISON WITH GROUPS SPONSORING INTEGRATION)  
1 - 157-DEAD (NORTH PHILADELPHIA UNITED)

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PH 157-New

Re Bureau airtel, 4/6/65, entitled, "Liaison with Groups Sponsoring Integration, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum, and three copies are being furnished Atlanta. Information copies sent to Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, and New York. Information copies are also being furnished to OSI, ONI, INTC, and Secret Service (2), Philadelphia.

For the Bureau's information and in reference to re airtel, the Philadelphia office [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] It is further noted that prior and subsequent to the riots in North Philadelphia in the summer of 1964 that the Rev. JAMES BEVEL, one of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s, close advisors, was in Philadelphia at Fellowship House and interviewed on two occasions by the Philadelphia Office. BEVEL was reasonably cooperative; however, at that time stated he had no authority to advise the FBI at any time of future plans of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He stated these decisions and information were furnished to the Federal Government by Dr. KING directly to the White House.

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Philadelphia Office is aware that the Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to be in Philadelphia the first part of May 1965 and that he could possibly announce his plans publicly at this time.

The Bureau's attention is also called to the situation in Philadelphia involving CECIL B. MOORE, President of the Philadelphia Branch, NAACP. MOORE has had a running fight with the Negro clergy and the well-established Negro in Philadelphia as set out in Philadelphia bi-weekly letters to the Bureau, involving possibility of racial violence. In the past several months MOORE was quoted in Time magazine as saying he was the "God damn boss of the Negro in Philadelphia," and referred to Negro ministers as "bastards."

Under these circumstances it would appear that CECIL MOORE will not take kindly to the civil rights activity of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Philadelphia in the summer of 1965. It should further be noted that since the national wire story carrying the results of Dr. KING's speech in Baltimore 4/3/65, MOORE has reinstituted his grievance against the Girard College in Philadelphia, has demonstrated with the NAACP on 4/11/65 for alleged discriminatory hiring practices in a theater chain in Philadelphia and he intends to picket a department store in Philadelphia on 4/12/65 because the store did not contribute any of its huge 1964 profits to the alleviation of the Negroes' plight in Philadelphia.

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ATLANTA:

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will advise Philadelphia of any information re contemplated plans of Dr. KING to come to Philadelphia and put on civil rights demonstrations.

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PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] obtain all information available re plans of Dr. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING and his projected activity in Philadelphia.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 13, 1965

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY SUMMER OF  
1965, PHILADELPHIA, PA., BY  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE

The "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin," a daily newspaper, dated April 10, 1965, on page three, carried a headline "Get Ready-We're Coming, Rev. KING Aide Tells City." The story states that the Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, close associate of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), addressed 1,200 people at the Bright Hope Baptist Church, 12th and Oxford Streets, April 9, 1965, and was quoted as saying, "All is not well with the Negro in Philadelphia and you may as well get ready because we're coming... We do not beg any longer. We demand freedom now."

The address was sponsored by a three-week old civil rights group in Philadelphia identifying itself as the North Philadelphia United, which is directed by GEORGIE WOODS, popular Negro disc jockey in Philadelphia.

In his address the Rev. ABERNATHY also pleaded for a negotiated peace in Vietnam and urged the admission of Red China to the United Nations. He explained that this did not mean that his group was giving in to the Communist philosophy.

It was also announced at the meeting how the profits from a freedom show held March 23, 1965, in Convention Hall in Philadelphia produced by GEORGIE WOODS would be disseminated to charitable agencies in Philadelphia. Recipients included the following:

Allied Jewish Appeal  
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Tribune Charities (newspaper)  
Philadelphia Independent Charities (newspaper)  
Mercy Douglass Hospital  
Bureau for Child Care  
Freedom Library  
Youth Council of NAACP  
Sickle Cell Anemia Organization  
Women's Christian Alliance  
Bright Hope Baptist Church

WOODS said an additional \$10,000 would be held in  
escrow for other worthy causes.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-1-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

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DATE 12-12-80 BY SP4 JRM/LL

SUBJECT: JAMES FARMER, CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY  
HOSEA WILLIAMS, STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE  
JOHN LEWIS, STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 3-26-65, captioned as above, wherein it was recommended and approved that we contact the Office of Congressman George W. Andrews (D-Alabama) to confidentially furnish him public source data included in referenced memorandum about captioned individuals.

SA [REDACTED] on 3-31-65 furnished the information to Douglas Smith, Assistant to Congressman Andrews, in the Congressman's absence. In the conversation with Smith, it became apparent that he was really only interested in information indicating communist connections on the part of civil rights leaders. After some discussion, he stated their interest in this information was precipitated by an urgent request from Governor George Wallace of Alabama.

Mr. Smith indicated the information furnished him would not satisfy the Governor. He then asked what information we might have concerning the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. It was pointed out to him that he had not requested information regarding King. He stated he realized this was true but would like to secure any information available indicating King's association with the communist movement. Mr. Smith was told that it has been publicly stated that King was associated with Hunter Pitts O'Dell, a person long known in the communist movement. Mr. Smith said that he was aware of this and wanted additional information. He was told that we are unable to make any further comment.

Smith then stated that while he was not at liberty to identify this specific committee he did know that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover had recently testified off the record before a Congressional Committee to the effect that King's speeches are written by a New York attorney who is a communist. He stated this information

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
RE: James Farmer, Congress of Racial Equality

has "leaked" back to Alabama and the Congressman is being pressured to obtain same in greater detail. ✓

Mr. Smith was told that by Departmental order information in the files of the FBI is confidential and can be released only by the Attorney General. He indicated consideration would be given to possibly requesting a report on King from the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. ✓

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*We must adhere to  
fact our files are  
confidential & we  
cannot disclose the  
contents.*

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-177)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

By \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-177)

Room 823 R2

SUBJ: ANONYMOUS LETTER ADDRESSED TO  
"THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER," CHARLOTTE, N.C.,  
CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON,  
VICE PRES. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY,  
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
AND PRESENT GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, POSTMARKED  
MARCH 26, 1965, HOLMES, N. C.  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of LHM suitable  
for dissemination in captioned matter. Also enclosed for the  
Bureau is the original of the anonymous letter along with the  
envelope and a copy of this letter.

Copies of this LHM being disseminated locally to  
Military Intelligence and Secret Service.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Bureau is requested to forward the enclosed original  
letter and envelope and copy of letter to the FBI Laboratory for  
search through the anonymous letter file. It is requested that  
this anonymous letter be compared with the anonymous letter  
dated 7/7/64 submitted under caption "UNSUB; Anonymous Letter  
addressed Holmes, N.C., 7/7/64, addressed to Editor of "The  
Charlotte Observer," Charlotte, N.C., Criticizing President  
LYNDON B. JOHNSON, U.S. Supreme Court Members, Public Leaders,  
Integration Leaders, Racial Matters," which when returned  
from Laboratory bore marking "D-453990." The comparison should  
be to determine if the writers of each letter is identical.

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Approved: gpn

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No further investigation being conducted by  
Charlotte.

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Special Agent in Charge

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ANONYMOUS LETTER ADDRESSED TO  
"THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER,"  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON,  
VICE PRESIDENT HUMBERT H. HUMPHREY,  
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,  
MARSHAL LUTHER KING, AND PRESENT  
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, POSTMARKED  
MARCH 26, 1965, MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA  
RACIAL MATTERS

By letter dated March 29, 1965, Mr. DAVID E. GILLESPIE, Associate Editor, "The Charlotte Observer," a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, furnished an anonymous letter and envelope postmarked March 26, 1965, Monroe, North Carolina, addressed "To 'The Charlotte Observer,' Charlotte, North Carolina."

The contents of the anonymous letter are as follows:

"To the Charlotte Observer

"Will Russia bury the United States? if she doesn't  
JOHNSON and this administration will. We are now under  
dictatorship - this Government is Communist - (Negroism)  
I hate it. I believe Russia would get plenty of help to  
destroy this rotten administration and all she stand for.

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"There's no chance in the land that can make me stoop to Negroes. All of us should use poisons to kill the the black rats. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING should get his brains blown out. and I hope JOHNSON and HUMPHREY, are burned while JOHN HUMPHREY before this year is out - and that bitch EVEL WHEELER too. people had better wake up before its too late. JOHN HUMPHREY sure got what was coming to him - thanks to Mr. OSWALD. I am truly sorry that nice man Mr. OSWALD got killed.. We need him to get rid of the rest of the race in Washington. Mr. OSWALD should have lived and a gold medal pinned on him - he was a great guy. This Federal Government is rotten, its black mailing us to stoop to the rotten Negroes, I say to hell with this administration. I mean every word of it. I hate Washington, D. C. Some one will kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, I hope hope hope."

March 31, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many years ago, as a close friend of one of the sons of Dr. Sidney Miller of Baltimore, I spent a most delightful and interesting day with you and Dr. Miller and Mr. Clyde Tolson at the FBI headquarters in Washington. Presuming on that remote and passing acquaintance, I address my inquiry to you.

An organization calling itself "Citizens for Truth and Morality" recently sponsored a lecture in this city by Mrs Julia C. Brown who is described in the local press as "a former undercover agent aiding the FBI". In response to a written question from the floor - "Do you think that Martin Luther King is a loyal American?" - Mrs Brown replied that she did not think Dr. King was a loyal American and that he was leading the negro people to the slaughter pens. My concern is not for that part of Mrs Brown's statement about the slaughter pens but for the implied disloyalty of Dr. King. Taken in the context of the meeting I can only assume that by "loyal American" the questioner meant an American not subverted nor influenced in his statements and actions by the Communist Party.

Unfortunately, the pronouncements of people like Mrs Brown who have at one time or another had some sort of connection with the FBI, have the effect of seemingly being pronouncements of the FBI itself. Mrs Brown is a "former undercover agent aiding the FBI". Mrs Brown states that Dr. King is not a loyal American, ergo the FBI must feel that Dr. King is not a loyal American. I know that this is silly logic but it is the kind of logic of many people who look at the world through a distorted lens.

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The matter is not 101 in my book, but it was brought to my attention inasmuch as I have spoken from time to time in support of Dr. King and what he is seeking to accomplish in the way of civil rights. Do you at the FBI have any reason to believe that Dr. King is anything but a loyal citizen?

CORRESPONDENCE



44-12-55 APR 21 1965 every good personal wish, I am,

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 23, 1965

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: "COMMUNISM AND THE NEGRO  
MOVEMENT--A CURRENT ANALYSIS"

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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You will recall that in December, 1964, with the Director's approval and after first checking with the White House, we disseminated to the Heads of the intelligence community a paper captioned as above which depicted the communist influence in the Negro movement. Emphasis was given in the paper to the communist influences on Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you are aware, LeRoy Collins, former Governor of Florida, is Director, Community Relations Service (CRS), Department of Commerce, and in this position serves as something of a "mediator" in problems relating to the racial field. He has been a key individual relative to the situation in Selma, Alabama. Information of interest to the CRS is regularly being disseminated to that agency. We just received reliable information concerning a conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife, Coretta, during which Coretta made reference to the Selma situation and said that Collins was blinded by prejudice. We have disseminated the information concerning the King conversation to CRS.

It is believed that, in view of Collins' important position relative to the racial movement, he should have the benefit of the paper which we have already given to the White House and the Heads of the intelligence community. Our relations with Collins have been friendly; he is a long-time admirer of the Director and the Bureau.

Attached for approval is a letter to Collins enclosing a copy of the paper captioned as above.

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American History Class  
[REDACTED] High School  
[REDACTED] Virginia  
April 8, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There was an editorial printed in The Lynchburg News, Saturday April 3. The editorial was a reprint of the full text of the remarks made Tuesday March 30 on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by Republican Congressman William L. Dickinson of Alabama.

How truthful are the statements made in this editorial about Martin Luther King being involved in 60 communist front organization since 1955? Can you furnish proof of the statements made in this editorial?

It has been brought to my attention that pictures have been taken of Martin Luther King in a communist school, is this true?

I would appreciate it if you would answer by letter right away as I would like to have it by Tuesday April 13.

Thank You.

Sincerely Yours,  
[REDACTED]

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SAC, Salt Lake City

Director, FBI

**[REDACTED] b7(c)**  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
RELATION (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
DATE 4-15-65

Enclosed are two copies of captioned individual's correspondence,  
with enclosure, for your information.

This individual should be contacted and at that time her letter to  
me should be acknowledged. The facts should be ascertained concerning the  
threat against her young son which was set forth in her letter to me. It  
should be determined whether or not this threat constitutes any violation over  
which we have jurisdiction. If this matter is within the Bureau's jurisdiction,  
an immediate investigation should be instituted immediately. If not, correspondent  
should be properly informed of this, and it should be suggested that she make this  
known to the local police as quickly as possible. Our policy of not offering  
physical protection to individuals should be explained. Submit results to reach  
the Bureau by 4-22-65. If we have no jurisdiction, local police authorities should  
be advised if an actual threat exists.

**Enclosures (10)**

NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with this individual, the last being 2-10-64.  
She has been sent reprint material concerning communism. Her prior correspondence  
complained of school curriculum which apparently was in her mind slanted toward  
communism. The enclosures which were sent simply stated her views that Martin  
Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) were absolutely  
wrong in their approach that there is nothing Christian nor American about their  
activities. She advised that they had departed from the teachings of the Bible which

are against those who "stir up strife." She asked for a return to the teachings of the  
Bible to solve the problems confronting us and a return to strict adherence to the  
Constitution which limits Federal Power. The SCLC is well known to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 8, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigations  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of letter of protest I have written to the organization apparently supporting Martin Luther King. I have no way of knowing what sort of outfit it is, but it is obvious that the policies advocated by the organization are neither Christian nor are they based on American principles.

This may result in trouble for me and my family since my young son was threatened that he would be murdered if I continued to protest such activities as this. However, I know of no way that I can teach my children the truth when they are taught falsehoods in school, in newspapers, over television and radio and through so many books it is becoming a nightmare. Even showing them that what they are being taught is neither Christian nor American does not seem to be enough to convince them that both the school teachings and the news teachings could be false.

It does no good to send this sort of thing to Congress or to legislative bodies around here. They won't even read what the scripture and the Constitutional principles were. As a matter of fact, even after I took out the 100 pages of teachings from the Bible that say what newspapers and news programs and schools and many churches are teaching is the way to war and slavery there are few people who will bother to read the references or check them themselves. They would rather build the crime and poverty and sickness and madness we are told result from such practices than make the effort to correct their own false ideas.

Sincerely,

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This stuff was mailed to my minor child and brought to our house. One of them asked me about it.

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Domestic Intelligence Division 6074

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/1/65

Attached reports that an individual who is under psychiatric care has stated a desire to shoot Martin Luther King, Jr. He also has stated a hate for many leading Americans in Government including the Chief Justice.

Dissemination being made to Secret Service, the Office of the Chief Justice, the Department and the intelligence community.

Atlanta Police Department also being advised.

SFP

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Date: 3/31/65

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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
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Via **AIRTEL**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (62-3141) (C)  
SUBJECT: **INFO CONCERNING -  
SECRET SERVICE MATTER**

Enclosed are the original and four copies of a LHM concerning \_\_\_\_\_ dated as above. One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to Secret Service.

Information from the \_\_\_\_\_ N.J., was obtained by SA \_\_\_\_\_, who also obtained information from \_\_\_\_\_ files set forth in the enclosed LHM

3 - Bureau (Enc. 5) ENCLOSURE  
1 - Newark  
NAH:spa  
(4) E. E. Wick  
cc - Rosen

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Newark, New Jersey

March 31, 1965

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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] came to the [REDACTED] Hospital on [REDACTED] and stated a neighbor of his [REDACTED] had recommended this hospital as a place where he might receive psychiatric examination and possibly treatment.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was given a preliminary interview by [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he felt he might need psychiatric examination. He further stated he did not like people and wished he had been a Nazi in Germany during the time the Nazis were in power.

He stated, according to [REDACTED], he would like to get a gun and shoot the Reverend Martin Luther King. He said the Ku Klux Klan was closer to the American way than the policies advocated by President Johnson. He also said, according to [REDACTED], he hated many leading Americans in government including Chief Justice Earl Warren.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] arranged for an interview of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 1965, by a psychiatrist at the institute, but [REDACTED] had not shown up for the appointment.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] also advised he had served three years in prison on a charge of carnal abuse. [REDACTED] stated this individual, in all probability, does need psychiatric help, and his statements indicate he may be suffering from paranoid and schizophrenic tendencies. He stated he might be dangerous because of these tendencies.

[REDACTED] advised the records of this agency contain an arrest record for [REDACTED] whose address was [REDACTED]

-She stated this individual [REDACTED]

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She said he had been arrested on [REDACTED] 1953, in [REDACTED] New Jersey on a motor vehicle violation for which he was fined \$100 and ten days in jail. She said he also was arrested by the New Jersey State Police at [REDACTED] New Jersey, on [REDACTED] 1956, for being disorderly and assault and battery, for which he received a \$100 fine and five days in jail. She stated he was also arrested on [REDACTED] 1960, in [REDACTED] New Jersey, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was convicted on [REDACTED] of the charge of carnal abuse for which he received a three to five year sentence.

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Height: 5'6 1/2"  
Weight: 147 pounds  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Hazel or blue  
Complexion: Ruddy  
Marital Status: Divorced  
Occupation: [REDACTED]  
Nearest Relative: [REDACTED]

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Date of Mail

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4-6-65

Attached reports an anonymous threat on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which was received by the Detroit, Michigan, Police Department.

Atlanta Police Department being advised.

Dissemination being made to the Department and intelligence community.

  
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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: *PJH*  
*TW* SAC, DETROIT (62-3560)

UNSUB; Threat to Kill  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTER

ENCLOSED herewith for the Bureau are six copies and for Atlanta one copy of LHM captioned as above.

Two copies of LHM have been furnished Secret Service, Detroit, and one copy to G-2, Detroit.

- ③ Bureau (Enc. 6)  
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)  
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Special Agent in Charge

CC - Rosen



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
April 5, 1965

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Unknown Subject; Threat to Kill  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

On April 5, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan Police Department, advised that at about 2:00 PM an anonymous call had been received at the switchboard of the Detroit Police Department. Lieutenant Hutcherson advised that the anonymous caller, who sounded like a Caucasian male, stated, "If King comes to town, he will be killed". The anonymous caller then hung up.

[REDACTED] advised that the Detroit Police Department had no information concerning the identity of the anonymous caller.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

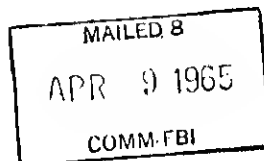
While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 5, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I have in my hand a reproduction of page four of the Augusta Courier dated July 8, 1963 on which a picture appears showing Martin Luther King apparently attending a Communist Training School at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957.

Would you please verify this as truth or fiction. Please forward to my attention any information, which you might have that can be made available to the public.

Very truly yours,

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

CORRESPONDENT

# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

Reprinted from — AUGUSTA COURIER

IF IN DOUBT WRITE — J. EDGAR HOOVER, F.B.I., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Terre Haute, Indiana

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Sincerely yours,

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Terre Haute, Ind.  
April 5, 1965

Mr J. Edgar Hoover;  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

A few days ago I came into possession of a pamphlet with a picture reprinted from the Augusta, Ga. Courier, July 8, 1963. The pamphlet said the picture was taken Labor Day week-end 1957 at The Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn. The picture identifies four persons as Martin Luther King Jr. Abner W. Berry - Aubrey Williams and Miles Horton. It is stated that Dr. King belongs to 60 Communist front organizations and if in doubt, write to you.

I have no doubt about Dr Kings communist connections but my sole purpose in writing is to see if confirmation of such convictions is available from you to a private citizen.

Sincerely Yours

  
Terre Haute, Ind.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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9:25 PM EST URGENT 4-7-65 TDS  
TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI  
FROM ATLANTA 072342

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL 6 LAST.

ATLANTA CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE STATED TODAY THAT KING AND BERNARD LEE (AIDE TO KING) HAVE RESERVATIONS IN LEE'S NAME ON EASTERN FLIGHT 501 LEAVING ATLANTA AT 7:45 PM TODAY AND ARRIVING IN MIAMI AT 9:13 PM. RESERVATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL HOTEL ARE IN LEE'S NAME. KING WILL SIGN REGISTER AS "M.KING."

KING AND LEE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MIAMI FOR NASSAU ON APRIL 11 NEXT ON BAHAMA AIRLINES FLIGHT UNKNOWN, TO LEAVE AT 12:30 PM AND ARRIVE AT 1:15 PM.

KING DESIRES TO LEAVE NASSAU ON UNKNOWN DATE AT 4:25 PM TO ARRIVE IN MIAMI AT 5:58 PM. KING'S WIFE, CORETTA, TO JOIN HIM IN NASSAU AT 2:50 PM ON APRIL 14 NEXT. FOR INFO.

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Yonkers, New York 10701

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire.

I am enclosing some material related to the current racial situation which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

The FBI's Role In The Field Of Civil Rights  
FBI and Civil Rights

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I would also like to know if you could answer the following questions about Mr King?

- 1 Is he a nationalist
- 2 Is he a communist?
- 3 Is he a Democrat
- 4 Is he a Republican
- 5 Is he a conservative
- 6 Is he a Liberal

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Sincerely Yours

Please send this letter

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CORRESPONDENCE

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
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Transmit the following in PLAIN

Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529) (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735) (100-149194)

SUBJECT: CIRM  
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COMINFIL, SCLO  
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ReNY teletype of 4/1/65, concerning  
BAYARD RUSTIN's remarks about MARTIN LUTHER KING  
and his plans to call for a boycott of Alabama.

Enclosed are 7 copies of an LHM, dated  
and captioned as above; 3 copies are furnished the  
Atlanta Office and 2 copies to the Baltimore Office.

The source of the information in the LHM  
was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

- 5-Bureau (100-442529) (RM)
  - (1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 3-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 3) (RM)
  - (1- 100-6670) (CIRM)
  - (1- 100-5718) (SCLO)
- 2-Baltimore (100- ) (CIRM) (Encls. 2) (RM) (RM)
  - (1- 100- ) (COMINFIL SCLO)
- 4-New York
  - (1- 100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
  - (1- 100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)

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By [REDACTED]

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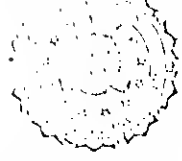
A search in the files of the NYO did not contain subversive information identifiable with THOMAS or TOMMY SHANN.

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information of a highly sensitive nature with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist influence thereof. The source of this information was [REDACTED] and in order not to jeopardize the source, the "Secret" classification is used.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 2, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Racial Matters  
Internal Security - CCommunist Infiltration of  
The Southern Christian  
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On March 31, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin (organizer of the March on Washington, August 1963 and advisor to Martin Luther King, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)) was in contact with Tommy Smith (a personal friend and confidant of Rustin) on that date. Rustin told Smith that he would be in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 1 and 2, 1965, to attend a meeting of the Administrative Board of the SCLC.

Rustin told Smith that he was "trying to bail out King on that stupid boycott thing" (alluding to an appeal by King that Alabama be boycotted because of what King called "a total breakdown of law and order and a reign of terror"). In that regard, Rustin said, that one of his (King's) aides "who doesn't have much sense put this on the wires and sent telegrams all over the country without notifying King". It was at that time, according to Rustin, that King asked him what he should do. According to Rustin, he told King to say that the boycott matter was being discussed and that it would be decided during the Administrative Board meeting whether to go through with the boycott.

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Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters;  
Communist Infiltration of the  
SCLC

Rustin told Smith that a press conference would be held by King at noon on Friday (April 2, 1965) during which King would announce plans to call for a boycott of a couple of products in Alabama. King would not ask for a complete boycott, Rustin concluded. *RS*

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## Communist Influence In Racial Matters

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates.

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Date: 4/6/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-981) (P)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF GREATER  
NEW ORLEANS  
RE: *Martin Luther King*

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of  
a letterhead memorandum relative to the Citizens Council  
of Greater New Orleans.

*[REDACTED]*  
A copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum  
is being disseminated to 112th ICG.

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
April 5, 1965

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the fact that photographs were taken on  
Labor Day, 1957, at the Highland Folk School in Tennessee by  
the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. These photographs, which  
consist of approximately fifteen (15) minutes of motion pictures,  
show Martin Luther King in company with Abner Berry and other  
individuals who have been identified as being members of  
or affiliated with the Communist Party, U.S.A.

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Photographs from this motion picture have been  
widely distributed and published in many magazines and  
newspapers and, at one time, copies were being sold by members  
of the Citizens' Council in the Shreveport area.

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advised that he has received no information that the Citizens'

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CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF GREATER  
NEW ORLEANS

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Council plans to purchase billboard space in New Orleans, but, if they are planning to exhibit photographs of KING attending the Highland Folk School, it probably will be the photographs made in 1957.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: CIRM  
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ReNY teletypes, 3/31/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING - SM-C", reporting his activities while in New York.

Enclosed are 6 copies of an LHM, captioned and dated as above; 2 copies are submitted to the Atlanta Office.

The source of the information in the LHM was

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2-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
(1- 100-6670) (CIRM) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
7-New York  
(1- 100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
(1- 100-133062) (RACHEL HOROWITZ)  
(1- 100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
(1- 100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (46)  
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The agents of the NYO who observed KING, LEE, WACHTEL, and RUSTIN at Kennedy Airport were [REDACTED]

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The identities of the agents who participated in the surveillance of KING, WACHTEL, LEE, and RUSTIN into the City were the same as in the previous paragraph, with the additional agents: [REDACTED]

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SAS [REDACTED] observed KING, RUSTIN, and LEE enter the city Square Inn, NYC.

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SAS [REDACTED] observed KING, RUSTIN, and LEE leaving the City Squire at 3:42 p.m. to go to the Commodore Hotel.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed KING, LEE, and RUSTIN enter the Commodore Hotel.

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SAS [REDACTED] saw KING, RUSTIN, and LEE leave the Temple at Great Neck.

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a source who has furnished highly sensitive information with regard to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof. The source is [REDACTED]

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Re: Communist Influence in Racial  
Matters  
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On March 30, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin was in contact with Rachelle Horowitz (a confidante of Rustin) on that date. Horowitz told Rustin that Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) would arrive at Kennedy International Airport, New York, New York, at 1:24 p.m. that date, and that King wanted Rustin to meet him at the Airport. Rustin told Horowitz to inform Harry Wachtel of his plans. (u)

On March 30, 1965, at 1:40 p.m., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAs) (FBI) observed Martin Luther King and Bernard Lee (assistant to King) departing from American Airlines flight 910, which had arrived at Kennedy International Airport from Detroit, Michigan. They were met by Bayard Rustin and Harry Wachtel.

Following a short period at the Airport, during which King and his associates were in the Press Office, they drove into New York City in Wachtel's

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station wagon and arrived at the City Squire Motor Inn, 51st and Broadway, New York, New York, at 2:37 p.m., which King, Rustin, and Lee entered. Wachtel drove off.

At 3:42 p.m. SAS of the FBI observed King, Rustin, and Lee leave the City Squire Motor Inn and take a taxi to the Commodore Hotel, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, which they entered at 4:12 p.m.

Observation of the activities board at the hotel disclosed that a reception by the New York Central Labor Council was being held in King's honor.

"The New York Times," March 31, 1965, page 17, column 1, reported that Martin Luther King was honored at a reception at the Commodore Hotel, on March 30, 1965, given by the New York Central Labor Council.

The reception, according to the article, was attended by 100 union leaders. These leaders presented \$50,000 in cash and pledges for the use of the SCLC.

During a press conference held at the reception, King announced his determination to press his plans for an economic boycott of Alabama despite the reported opposition of the Johnson Administration, the article reported.

On March 30, 1965, at 10:35 p.m., King,

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Rustin, and Lee were observed by SAS of the FBI, while they were leaving the Bethel Temple, Old Mill Road, Great Neck, Long Island.

With reference to the above, the same confidential source mentioned heretofore, advised on March 16, 1965, that Harry Wachtel told Rustin that King would be speaking to a group of rabbis and ministers in Great Neck, Long Island on March 30, 1965. X (u)

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On June 22, 1958, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rachelle Horowitz was a member of the New York Unit of the Young Socialist League (YSL). ~~CS~~

On June 22, 1958, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information made available to him in June 1958, reflected that Rachelle Horowitz was a member of the New York Unit of the YSL. ~~CS~~



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A characterization of the YSL is attached.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin T. Davis on those dates

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. c

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE (SYL)

A confidential informant has advised that the Socialist Youth League (SYL) began in 1945 when several militant members of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL), the youth organization of the Socialist Party, accepted a proposal that they become affiliated with the Workers Party. The first issue of the group's newspaper, "Youth Action for Socialism," in October, 1945, contained an article which indicated that "...Only socialism can answer youth's needs for jobs, peace, education and a fuller life...Our organization is the only national revolutionary youth group in America."

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League, contained an article concerning the creation of the Young Socialist League (YSL) which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the YPSL and the SYL. The new organization was named the YSL.

Another confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

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APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"



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New York, New York

April 2, 1965

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Re BA tel to Director and Atlanta dated March 31, 1965,  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 14 copies of  
LHM captioned, "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C." Five copies of LHM are also enclosed  
for Atlanta.

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3 - Baltimore (1 - 157-333 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) MAIL)  
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[REDACTED] advised that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived at Friendship International Airport by plane from New York City at approximately 2:20 p.m. on March 31, 1965. Upon his arrival, he was met by a police detail under [REDACTED]. He came to the Lord Baltimore Hotel and was observed arriving there at 2:50 p.m. [REDACTED] advised that in view of the controversial nature of the activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he would be afforded police protection while in Baltimore. b7(c) b7(D)

"The Sun," a Baltimore daily newspaper, on April 1, 1965, reported that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored at a dinner held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel at 8:00 p.m. on March 31, 1965, which was attended by approximately 950 people. "The Sun" reported that Dr. King had stated that a decision on his plan for an economic boycott of Alabama would come out of the two-day session of the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that begins April 1, 1965, at Baltimore, Maryland. He said plans would be made for the next six months for this organization. He also said that something forceful must be done to prod the people of Alabama into stopping the racial policies of Governor George C. Wallace.

The newspaper reported that during the long program of tributes at the affair, Dr. King was made an honorary citizen

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

of Baltimore by Mayor THEODORE R. McKELDIN and an honorary citizen  
of the State of Maryland by an Aide of Governor MILLARD TAWES.

"The Sun" newspaper also reported that the dinner was  
picketed by two members of a group called "Confederates for  
Free Segregation," and they carried signs reading, "God, Wallace,  
U.S.A. - Big Three for Segregation - Down with King," and "There's  
no Police Brutality in Baltimore - Three Cheers for Bernie Schmidt  
and our Police Force."

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Plymouth, Indiana 46565

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 1st has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

I am enclosing a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and it can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with this individual in 1961. There is nothing derogatory in Bufiles concerning him.

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PLYMOUTH, INDIANA [REDACTED]

April 1, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In a sense I feel like apologizing for taking your valuable time to answer my inquiry, however I feel this needs official clarification.

In a Sunday Church School class of Junior age young people last Sunday, the statement was made by one of the boys that "Martin Luther King is a communist, and is on the subversive list of the Attorney General." This statement was backed by several others in the class, although they would not divulge the source of their information.

I must confess that I cannot keep up with the list of subversives, and I would appreciate you either confirming or denying the above statement as best you can in your official capacity.

We attempt to teach our youth the meaning of Christian love and brotherhood, and to impress upon them the dangers of name-calling and false labeling, but oftentimes we feel our words have fallen on deaf ears and closed minds.

Any statement you can make to help us clarify this problem will be greatly appreciated, and I thank you so much for taking time from your busy schedule to answer this request.

Very truly yours,

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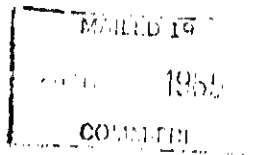
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Your letter of April 3rd has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual you named.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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April 3, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I. director  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to know what information the F.B.I. has  
in light of Dr. Martin Luther King and his affiliations  
with the Communist Program.

Your truly,

[Redacted signature]

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Spring Valley  
Minn.

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RE:               BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
                  (U.S.D.C, D.C.)   CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-823)

Date Forw. APR 16 1965

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
RACIAL MATTERS

How Forw. *Hand*

By *[Signature]*

Room 823 RB

Re Jacksonville airtel and LHM, dated  
3/31/65.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies  
of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

One copy is being furnished to each  
Tampa and Miami Office for information in view  
of their interest in the racial situation in  
the state of Florida.

A copy of the enclosed LHM was furnished  
to WFO, Jacksonville, Florida.

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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

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There have been no changes in any of the categories listed in Jacksonville memorandum, dated March 31, 1965, except as follows:

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Jacksonville, Florida
2. General Racial Conditions

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POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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On March 23, 1965, Folks, six white males, and one white female picketed at the Court House from 2:40 PM to 3:45 PM. Folks carried a large Confederate flag; others carried signs critical of Sheriff Dale Carson.

At 11:00 PM on March 23, 1965, John Thomas, T. V. Channel 4, WJXT, Jacksonville, on a regularly scheduled newscast, commented on Folks having burned the effigies referred to above. A film strip shown on television at this time revealed Folks pouring gasoline on each of the dolls and a hooded klansman with the use of a torch setting fire to the cross on which the dolls were attached. Thomas stated that while the dolls were burning, Folks and a second person, not further identified, shot at the dolls with a revolver and a rifle.

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MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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[REDACTED] furnished information on April 5, 1965, revealing that several students at Terry Parker High School, Jacksonville, were organizing a gang called the Anti-integration Association (AIA). Their first and only meeting was held on April 2, 1965. The purpose of the organization was to stop integration any way possible including attacks on Negroes.

[REDACTED] stated as far as he was concerned, the gang had held its last meeting and he was going to have nothing further to do with the organization. The boy also said he was sure the other members felt the same way.

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At 4:30 PM, March 31, 1965, 12 Negroes began picketing at the Jacksonville City Hall under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). They carried signs protesting lack of jobs and representation in City Government. The demonstration was terminated at 5:25 PM without incident.

At 4:23 PM, April 1, 1965, about 22 Negroes resumed picketing at the City Hall. They carried signs which mainly expressed opposition to three Negroes appointed to the local Anti-poverty Program Committee by Mayor Louis H. Ritter of Jacksonville.

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IN URBAN AREAS  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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Picketing at the City Hall continued on a daily basis through April 8, 1965, except for April 4, and April 7, 1965. Picketing was peaceful and no incidents occurred.

The Jacksonville Journal Newspaper, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 6, 1965, revealed the following information:

Mayor Ritter received a hand-delivered letter from Rutledge H. Pearson, President of the local and state chapters of the NAACP, on April 5, 1965, requesting a parade permit for a "march" from the Negro section of Jacksonville to the City Hall at 4:30 PM on April 8, 1965. Mayor Ritter, upon receiving the request, asked Pearson to meet with him to discuss the matter. Ritter reportedly asked Pearson to bring along his NAACP Committee.

The Florida Times Union Newspaper, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 7, 1965, disclosed the following additional information:

Pearson called Mayor Ritter minutes before he was to meet the Mayor on April 6, 1965, and stated he would be unable to attend. Pearson offered no reason other than to say he could not attend the meeting without his committee heads. The Mayor said he would not issue a permit for a parade starting at 4:30 PM because of the height of downtown traffic congestion. He said he would permit a parade, however, on April 8, 1965, at either 3:00 or 3:00 PM which would not conflict with rush hour traffic.

The Jacksonville Journal Newspaper, Jacksonville, Florida, dated April 7, 1965, contained an article which revealed the following information:



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The NAACP advised Mayor Ritter on April 7, 1965, that it had dropped its plans to march through the downtown area on April 8, 1965. In a letter hand-delivered to Mayor Ritter on April 7, 1965, Rutledge H. Pearson said his organization had decided to postpone the march for which he had requested a permit. Instead he asked the Mayor, the City Commission, and "possibly the City Council" to meet with him and his committee at 4:30 PM, April 8, 1965, in City Hall. The letter concluded "It is necessary that we meet to discuss our total grievances in order that positive action can be taken to bring an end to the despair in our community."

Mayor Ritter said he advised Pearson that he, members of the commission and possibly some city councilmen would meet with the NAACP delegation immediately after the regular City Commission meeting on April 8, 1965.

6. Existence of Channels of Communication  
Between Minority Leaders and Local  
Officials

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Representatives of the NAACP met with Mayor Ritter and other city officials at the City Hall on April 8, 1965. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jacksonville Police Department, advised that the meeting was apparently very satisfactory to all who participated. He stated that this meeting resulted in the planning of future meetings by the Mayor's Office and representatives of the NAACP.

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7. Objectives Sought by Minority Community  
and Possible Points of Contention

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The April 9, 1965, issue of the Florida Times Union Newspaper, Jacksonville, contained an article concerning the above-mentioned meeting between the Mayor and the NAACP on April 8, 1965. The article is quoted in part as follows:

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"The proposed Jacksonville-Duval County anti-poverty committee will likely have 13 to 15 Negroes on its board of directors, Mayor Louis H. Ritter told the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People yesterday.

" 'You will find the board representative of all people in all walks of life,' Ritter said during a 2½-hour meeting with NAACP leaders in City Hall.

"He said the names of many Negroes have been suggested to a temporary steering committee that is drafting a charter and bylaws for the nonprofit, incorporated anti-poverty committee.

"Ritter said he had little doubt that most of Negro anti-poverty directors would be acceptable to the NAACP and Negro community as a whole.

"He asked the NAACP to submit its own list of nominees to the anti-poverty committee directorship.

"Yesterday's meeting was attended by City Commissioners J. Dillon Kennedy, Claude Smith and Henry T. Broadstreet, City Councilmen Robert Hendricks, Cecil Love and Barney Cobb and about 20 members of the NAACP executive committee, headed by President Rutledge Pearson.

"Pearson presented a list of grievances to the city fathers, alleging racial discrimination in virtually all areas of city government--most of them having to do with job opportunities and board appointments.

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"Ritter indicated that some progress in eliminating racial restrictions is being made in several areas of government and agreed that more Negro representation on various boards and committees is desirable.

"The mayor said he would take under advisement the suggestion that he appoint Negroes to the library, civil service, recreation and housing boards as vacancies occur. Pearson said the NAACP stands ready to submit the names of qualified Negroes should the situation arise.

"Pearson also added:

"That qualified Negroes be given white-collar jobs by the city and asked for a city ordinance eliminating discrimination and other restrictions based on race.

"That city-owned swimming pools be reopened by the recreation department. Kennedy said any decision in this regard should await the outcome of a public legislative hearing, April 17 on the part of the recreation department.

"Desegregation of police department duty assignments. Ritter said that if the legislature passes a bill he has requested, Negro officers would be put on an equal footing with white officers--both in assignments and promotion.

"That city marshal deputized during last year's racial disturbances be 're-deputized'. This brought one of the few light moments of the meeting.

"That slum areas such as Rumbertown undergo urban renewal. City Atty. William Madison said the Duval legislative delegation twice has refused to approve bills that would enable the city to take such action. Ritter said he is in full accord with the NAACP on the matter

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"That more youth centers be constructed in areas where juvenile delinquency and school dropout rates are high. Ritter said this is one of the things that can be accomplished by the anti-poverty committee.

"Ritter asked the NAACP leaders to continue to offer suggestions to the city fathers and to keep lines of communication open. He promised to meet with them again at 4:30 p.m. April 27 to discuss progress in racial relations here."

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## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ALABAMA (44-1727)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA  
ARTHUR WOODBINE; ET AL;  
ROBERT WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS,  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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By teletype from Mobile to Atlanta, 4/6/65, Mobile stated Departmental attorneys desired to establish, if possible, the identity of the individual or individuals who advised Negro leaders at Selma, Alabama, prior to the march on March 7, 1965, that the Negroes would be stopped, tear-gassed and possibly beaten. In this connection, Mobile requested that Rev. ANDREW YOUNG and ROSEA WILLIAMS of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) be interviewed.

On April 7, 1965, SA [REDACTED] twice called the office of SCLC for the purpose of contacting ROSEA WILLIAMS to make an appointment for interview. The switchboard operator advised WILLIAMS was not in, but she would have him call SA [REDACTED] when he came in. WILLIAMS did not return the call on April 7 or 8, 1965. During the afternoon of April 8, 1965, SA [REDACTED] contacted SCLC by telephone and was connected with ROSEA WILLIAMS; however, WILLIAMS stated he was then on a long distance telephone call and took SA [REDACTED] name and telephone number and said he would return the call when he completed his long distance call. Approximately one hour later, SA [REDACTED] again telephonically contacted WILLIAMS, at which time he stated he was still on long distance call and again took SA [REDACTED] name and telephone number, saying he would return the call. He was advised at that time that an interview was desired to obtain information desired by

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the Department of Justice concerning the march at Selma, Ala., on March 7, 1965. WILLIAMS again failed to return the telephone call on April 3, 1965.

On April 9, 1965, SCLC was again telephonically contacted for the purpose of arranging an appointment with WILLIAMS. His secretary said WILLIAMS had gone to Savannah, Georgia, that morning on a 7:00 a.m. plane and would return the following day, Saturday, April 10, 1965.

On April 10, 1965, SA [REDACTED] again contacted SCLC and was advised by the switchboard operator that WILLIAMS was not in the office, but might be in about 3:00 p.m. SA [REDACTED] called SCLC again on April 10, 1965, at approximately 3:30, 4:30 and 5:00 p.m., and received no answer. At approximately 6:00 p.m., SA [REDACTED] succeeded in contacting WILLIAMS by telephone at SCLC Headquarters. WILLIAMS was reminded that he promised to return calls on Thursday, April 4, 1965, and failed to do so. WILLIAMS stated he is a very busy man and had too much to do to return SA [REDACTED] call. He stated he has been placed in charge of a program involving a budget of \$35,000 and his staff has increased from three to thirty-three people, and he is "Easier than Hoover, King, Johnson or anyone else." He stated he has spent the last three nights in the office of SCLC. It is noted his secretary said he had gone to Savannah the previous day. He was again advised an interview with him was desired at the request of Departmental Attorneys relative to the march in Selma, Ala. on March 7, 1965. He was told that if he does not desire to furnish information in this regard the Department of Justice will be so advised. b7(c)

WILLIAMS then commented that the FBI does not cooperate with him. He was admonished for this statement and was advised of the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI.

WILLIAMS then said he would answer questions on the telephone and the information desired by Departmental Attorneys was elicited from him at that time.

AT 44-1727

For information, MOSEA WILLIAMS is director of voter registration for SCLC and is in charge of "The Summer Community Organization for Political Education (SCOPE)".

The above information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau to indicate the attitude of MOSEA WILLIAMS, and SCLC employees, and to highlight another example of uncooperation with the Bureau in its areas of responsibility. The information is also being furnished Mobile in the event contact is had with WILLIAMS.

RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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April 8, 1965

Elbridge, Iowa 52748

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 2nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand my inability to comment along the lines you suggested.

I would like to point out that Mrs. Julia Brown furnished information regarding subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. She was never an employee of this Bureau and, of course, her views are strictly her own and do not represent the FBI in any way.

This Bureau does not maintain a list of booklets on communism, and there is no charge for literature which is distributed. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

Deadly Duel

Time of Testing

One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufile contains nothing derogatory concerning correspondent and we have had one prior out going to her dated 3/10/65. In her prior incoming she advised of her interest in the Director's books.

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Many of them in the north are very concerned over a man called Martin Luther King, who is masquerading as a young, patriotic individual. I am well aware of his "behind the scenes" activities-----in 1960 he signed an appeal for clemency for convicted atom spy Morton Sobell. In 1961 he urged that Earl Warren and other politicians be freed from prison. In 1964 he signed a petition calling for the abolition of the house tax--and then activities of this kind have been connected with the anti-federalism groups in Tennessee. In his "speeches" he mentions during the past year states such as, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Mexico, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, etc. The list could fill this page, I'm sure.

Mr. Hoover, what can we do? Must we sit by and watch a notorious Communist carry the American flag and cry for justice for the rest of the world while seeing his ship sink in a sea of slavery, unemployment and crime? His red doctrine, I, for one, cannot sit by and watch America being sold "down the river" and expect to get away with it. No more. The time has come, the time of Luther King and John F. Kennedy to do something about it.

On April 14, 1944, at New York, N. Y., and elsewhere in the United States, Mrs. Anita Brown, a well known actress, was arrested for her part in the "Night of the Hunter" production with her husband, the actor, John Brown, and her mother, at the request of one of the United States Attorneys. The United States Department of Justice, New York, advised that the said actress, in a long letter, had stated that she had returned to being born in America and once again.

If you have a list of booklets on Communism, I would be glad to receive it so I could purchase them. Sincerely, *W. H. H.*

Most have left.

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Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau and Atlanta dated  
4/1/65, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 14 copies of  
LHM captioned, "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C". Five copies of LHM are also enclosed  
for Atlanta.

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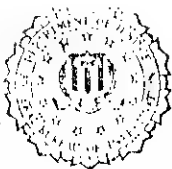
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advised that on the morning of April 1, 1965, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. left the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, and went to the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, where he had breakfast. About 10:00 A.M. Dr. KING returned to the Lord Baltimore Hotel where he attended a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Board Meeting. b7(D)

[REDACTED] advised that between 1:00 P.M. and 2:15 P.M. on April 1, 1965, approximately 100 to 125 Negroes dressed in burlap over their usual clothing and wearing burlap on their heads picketed the Lord Baltimore Hotel carrying signs which read, "Russian Termites - God Save America". This group was led by Elder LIGHTFOOT SOLOMON MICHAUX of Washington, D. C.

The News-American, a Baltimore, Maryland daily newspaper, on April 1, 1965, contained a story concerning this picketing which reflected that the demonstrators were followers of Elder LIGHTFOOT SOLOMON MICHAUX, President of the Gospel Spreading Association and head of seven Churches of God in Washington, D. C. The News-American reported that Elder MICHAUX said that he was demonstrating against the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. because Dr. KING has failed to show a true spirit of humility. He said that the proposed economic boycott of Alabama is not going to do any good and it will kill the civil rights movement.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The News-American reported that Elder MICHAUX was asked if the signs reading, "Russian Termites" implied that communists had infiltrated the civil rights movement and that Elder MICHAUX had replied, "No, but the movement might provide an avenue toward communism".

On the evening of April 1, 1965, Dr. KING attended a mass meeting held at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in the 1600 block of Bolton Street, Baltimore, Maryland. There were no incidents and no demonstrations in connection with this meeting.

On a news program in the late evening of April 1, 1965, the Reverend KING's wife appeared live and was questioned by news commentators. Some of the questioning dealt with measures that are usually taken for her protection and for the protection of Dr. KING and she advised that the measures taken for the protection of Dr. KING and herself during their visit to Baltimore are greater than have ever been taken anywhere else.

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Dover, Delaware 19901

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 1st, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

Although there are many known or suspected communist-front or communist-infiltrated organizations now under investigation by the FBI it is not possible for this Bureau to publish their names. Furthermore, in respect to your inquiries a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust that you will understand the reasons for this policy. Please do not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the subjects you have mentioned.

Concerning the pamphlet, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you will know why I am unable to comment in the manner you have suggested.

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil menace of communism and resisting its eroding influence.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] cannot be identified in Bufiles. Edward D. Biter, Sr., is known to our files and is apparently engaged in a program to alert American citizens to the threats of communism. Enclosure was a leaflet with the picture of Martin Luther King in the Highlander Folk School and on one side there is a denunciation of King and allegations that the civil rights movement is being aided by the communists and the letter is authored by Edward D. Biter, Sr.

Enclosures:

Communism--The Incredible Swindle

Deadly Duel

Young People Can Help Defeat Communism

Let's fight Communism Sanely

Our Heritage of Greatness



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I have had a great deal of trouble in getting the book to the printer, and I am sure it will be worth the wait.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I will try to write to you more often. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I will try to write to you more often.

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/ s/ JACQUES CHENET

CORRESP

HELP ALERT OTHERS circulate  
and re-circulate this

To the Editor:

### TELL THE PEOPLE

Are Catholic Nuns, Priests and Protestant Clergymen guilty of SHAMEFUL SACRILEGIOUS ACTS of (knowingly or un-knowingly) aiding the Communist conspiracy in the horrible Selma, Ala. racial riots--demonstrations--civil disorders and civil disobedience? It certainly does seem so.

We Must Awake the Town and Tell the People about the "COMMUNIST FORCES BEHIND NEGRO REVOLUTION IN THIS COUNTRY" as exposed and outlined by two patriotic Senators on the Senate floor and recorded in the Congressional Record, February 3, 1965, pages 1908 thru 1918.

All Americans should know of these Red machinations which are not available to our newspapers, magazines or TV. Why? The answer is very simple and is explained by J. Edgar Hoover in his testimony to Congress June 1961, of the Communist infiltration and control of the news. Our papers just don't get the news we should have.

A violent wave of BRAINWASHING and planned THOUGHT CONTROL seems to be sweeping the country by news writers in somewhat the manner of writer Ruth Montgomery, 3/10/65, who writes of "A violent eruption of lawlessness, unless Americans begin to close ranks behind moderate civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King."

Americans close ranks behind King?--the man who has provoked defiance of law and order everywhere. "The most notorious liar", the one man most responsible for provoking and inciting race HATRED--civil disobedience--racial disorders and demonstrations this Nation has ever known, and to be classed as a moderate? How demoralized can we get?

This letter may cause a howl of protests, but we must have the truth. If anyone has substantiated information to the contrary I would like to buy it.

Write your Congressman and Senators, ask for a copy of the Congressional Record, and demand that this information be printed in our papers nationwide. It is our right to know just what is going on.

Edward D. Biter, Sr.  
Dover, Delaware

Page Four THE AUGUSTA COURIER, JULY 8, 1957

# MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Earl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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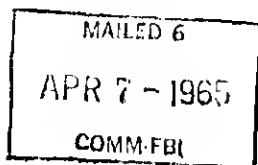
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Your letter of April 1st, with enclosure,  
has been received, and the thought which prompted you  
to write me is appreciated.

Information contained in the files of the  
FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with  
regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for  
official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this  
instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this  
policy.

Thank you for making the information avail-  
able to me and I am enclosing some material which contains  
suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil menace  
of communism and resisting its eroding influence.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (5)

Our Heritage of Greatness  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
Deadly Duel  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

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See Note next page.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent nor is there of the "Morris Truth Committee." The enclosure is a flyer with the photograph of Martin Luther King at the Highlander Folk School and on one side is a report of King's subversive background and connections and includes reference to Bayard Rustin. The Morris Truth Committee shows an address: Post Office Box 324, Madison, New Jersey, and the Committee is apparently mailing these leaflets to individual citizens.

TRUE COPY

  
Chatham, New Jersey

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April 1, 1965


Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My husband and I question the contents of the enclosed brochure and for that reason are forwarding to you. We do not know anything about this "Morris Truth Committee" and have never heard the name until now. It is inconceivable to us as loyal and truth believing Americans that a Nobel prize winner could possibly have a background such as is described by the Morris Truth Committee.

Thank you for giving this your attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

THE MORRIS TRUTH COMMITTEE

P. O. Box 321

Madison, N. J.

Dr. King, the most famous American lawbreaker, developed a curious attitude toward the law. "An unjust law is no law at all," he repeated over and over again. He claimed the privilege of being a judge in his own cause. When his views were upheld by the courts it was the duty of all Americans to obey them. But when judges showed themselves to disagree with him it was the duty of all Americans to exercise mass disobedience. Once he even argued that more convicted Negro rapists should go free, because many alleged White rapists were acquitted.

In 1961 the Tax auditor of Alabama pointed out that Dr. King listed his 1956 income as \$9,150, whereas, he had made bank deposits in his name that year of \$16,182.42. When confronted with the evidence, Dr. King cheerfully paid the additional \$318.81 in assessed taxes.

In 1960 Dr. King hired Hunter Pitts O'Dell as his secretary. O'Dell had been cited as a communist as late as 1958. At one time, state anti-subversive agents in New Orleans found his rooms full of the plans, maps, and specifications to Communize the whole south. It is well known that Dr. King and others have been very active in the campaign to abolish the House committee on Un-American activities. The Committee's two-volume study, "Structures and Organization of the Communist Party of the United States," on page 576 in the list of those elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party in the U.S.A., as known to HCUA in November 1961, was none other than Hunter Pitts O'Dell.

The Chairman of the cited Communist front, The National Committee to Abolish HUAC (whatever HUAC is), is Dr. King's friend from Highlander days, Aubrey Williams, of the Southern Conference Education Fund.

As Dr. King's prominence in the American Negro movement rose, so did his prominence in the American Committee for Africa. This Committee--Dr. King's Committee--sponsored and financed the American tour of Holden Roberto, the Angolan exile who lived his whole life in the Congo. On the morning of March 15, 1961, Roberto roared into Angola putting whites and natives alike to the stake and the buzz saw. He cheerfully explained to Le Monde that he chose terror as a weapon. For terror is even more impressive than non-violence.

On October 14, 1962 Dr. King turned up in a Harlem hotel suite with Ben Bella, the communist bank bandit who also uses terror as a weapon. The Algerian terrorists won the admiration of their people by chopping off the noses of a dozen reluctant citizens a day. Dr. King hesitated not, to stick his nose into the great Socialist Revolution; and he and Ben Bella issued a statement that the two injustices of colonialism and American segregation were "linked."

Mr. Bayard Rustin was Dr. King's Secretary upon formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At 43 Mr. Rustin was an experienced sex pervert. In 1936 he was a member of the Young Communist League. He later quit the Young Communist League, and quit the selective service law. He also quit the non-violent work that the conscientious objectors performed as their duty. Instead he served twenty-eight months in Federal prisons. In 1957 Mr. Rustin was chosen by the Communist Party to be a non-Communist impartial observer at the February 1957 CPUSA Convention. Bayard Rustin Nominally left SCLC in 1960, but showed up again to lead the March on Washington, after which in addressing a group including Norman Thomas, Dr. King, A. Philip Randolph and others he said "The American Negro must go Left."

Morris Truth Committee  
P.O. Box 324  
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Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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Bloomington, California

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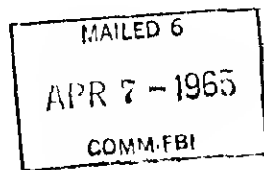
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Your letter of March 31st has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy. In addition, I am not able to refer you to a source for information on the subject you mentioned.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,



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[REDACTED]  
Bloomington, Calif.

March 31, 1965

Bureau of Information  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you have any pamphlets or booklets concerning  
Martin Luther King and any Communist organizations  
to which he has belonged to in the past or is still  
a member of.

If you do not have anything available, could you  
tell me if any such thing has ever been published  
and if so, where I might be able to write to obtain  
this information.

I am aware that there has been articles in the news-  
papers in the past on this but I was wondering if  
there was any Government publication on the subject.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this  
request.

Sincerely,

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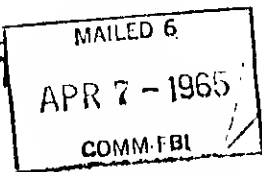
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With regard to Kari Prussion, he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of assistance to you, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (6) (Enclosures/<sup>& Note</sup>listed next page.)  
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Enclosures (5)

Remarks by Senator Thomas J. Dodd 2-25-65

"Our Heritage of Greatness" 12-12-64

Domestic Intelligence

12-21-64 U. S. News & World Report

4-1-61 LEB Intro

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April 2, 65

Sir:

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If there is anything written by your dept. I would like to have it on Mr. King.

I am for voting rights for all, & schools for all. So many times I'm told half truths & hear say, that is why I'm writing, so that I will know the truth.

There is so much being said to make Mr King look bad & civil rights movement, by my co-workers, that people I've worked with for 10 years & thought I knew well, are strangers to me now,

Hope you can help me.

An American

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Date: 4/1/65

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Via A I R T E L

REGISTERED MAIL

DATE 12-11-80

BY SP-1 JRM/la

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-NEW) - RUC -

SUBJECT: Alleged Plot To Assassinate  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTER

Re Baltimore teletype, 3/30/65 to Bureau, Atlanta,  
Miami, Charlotte, Philadelphia and Savannah.

Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies and for  
Philadelphia two copies of LHM relative to captioned matter.

It is to be noted that on 3/31/65, USM, Baltimore  
advised that [REDACTED] was placed in custody of  
a representative of District Attorney's Office, West Chester,  
Pennsylvania and transported to West Chester, Pennsylvania  
where he was wanted as an escapee from [REDACTED] Pennsylvania.

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DATE FORW: 4-2-65

HOW FORW: RUC

BY: S. E. F. [REDACTED]

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MR. J. D. LATHAM

CHIEF

ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

April 1, 1965

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Re: Alleged Plot To Assassinate  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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[redacted] Maryland State Police, [redacted] advised that on evening of [redacted] at [redacted] Maryland, he arrested [redacted] on local traffic charge. It was subsequently determined that [redacted] was escapee local authorities for assault and battery from [redacted] Pennsylvania, and was to be returned to [redacted] [redacted] advised [redacted] stated that while at South Carolina, he was in possession of a sub-machine gun and was approached by men who offered \$50,000 to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING.

65 [redacted] advised FBI Agents that he served in U. S. Army and U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) receiving a "mental" discharge from USMC. He stated, he was injured while in U. S. Army, was treated in five U. S. Army Hospitals and since then and particularly since being injured while a passenger in Greyhound bus accident February 2, 1965, he has suffered hallucinations and amnesia and cannot understand which of his memories are fact or fantasy. He related that approximately February 20, 1965 at Columbia, South Carolina, he traded a 1955 DeSoto to [redacted] South Carolina and received \$100 and a Browning sub-machine gun together with a clip and 40 rounds of ammunition. Approximately March 12, 1965 at Columbia, South Carolina, he met [redacted] home address [redacted] Florida and through [redacted] who were in a Lincoln Continental bearing unknown Georgia tags. [redacted] and [redacted] after determining that he was opposed to the racial demonstrations in the south offered [redacted] and [redacted] \$400 each if they would accompany them to Georgia that night and \$50,000 if they would assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] stated no details of the plot were discussed

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Re: Alleged Plot To Assassinate  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

but it was stated KING would be at Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Atlanta, April 5, 1965. [REDACTED] stated he told these men he would think the offer over but that night he sold the machine gun to [REDACTED] for \$350 and left town and has no information re [REDACTED] subsequent activities.

[REDACTED] to support his story of possession of machine gun, stated that approximately March 4, 1965, while driving a car was stopped by a Sheriff or Constable near Sanford, North Carolina and pointed the machine gun at this officer forcing him to drop his gun and fled. He states [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] South Carolina may be able to further identify [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Deputy, United States Marshal, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that on that date [REDACTED] had been placed in the custody of [REDACTED] County Detective District Attorney's Office, Chester County, West Chester, Pennsylvania and transported to West Chester, Pennsylvania.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency..

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial 1180 pulled from this file under court order of  
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
National Archives.

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April 6, 1965

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[REDACTED]  
Cullman, Alabama

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of March 30th, with enclosures,  
has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence. I know he  
would want me to inform you that he could not comment  
along the lines of your inquiry; however, you may be certain  
your communication will be brought to his attention upon his  
return.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Gandy  
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is an individual with whom we have had prior  
correspondence. There is no derogatory information and he was sent  
a copy of the Director's speech, "Time for Decision," in 1964. Due  
to the controversial nature of his questions concerning King, the March  
of Selma, etc., he is being sent a letter over Miss Gandy's signature.  
The enclosed newspaper clipping concerned various civil rights issues  
in the South along with editorial comment.

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*you are a fine one*

*is not 1/2 of what happened  
News is in need*

Cullman Ala. 505 1st. St. E.

Mar. 30 1965

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Hon. Edgar Hoover ;

Dear Sir;

This is my second communication with you. The 1st. one I was sending my appreciations for you telling the world, what Martin Luther King was.--- He thought he was going to get you kicked out the first of the year, but Thank the lord he did not.

You have lots of information I may not be entitled to it, if I am, I would like to know which you would consider the most up right law abiding citizen. Martin L. King head of core. or Robert Shelton, head of the K.K.K. ? or the Mayor of Selma Ala.

Martin King can get an audience (conference) any time he request it for an hour and a half. But the mayor or robt. Shelton couldn't get five minutes.

Why would the prez. stay on T.V. morning about what happened to the who left home against their husbands and their wife's pleading to stay away from these hoodlums, trash, police, and night core.

Martin Luther King would be supplied. But I do not know if he is being saved or hatred hoodlums, police, and night core. violations. The big poor old children on the street. I want to see the law and get it right, or I want to see you.

My prediction; there will be trouble inside America for the next 10 years. Rioters and demonstrators.

5 ENCLOSED  
Yours very truly,

[Redacted signature]

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*Did not see Pres. on T.V. Crying about this Nat-*  
**Negro youth charged**  
*See his plane loaded with flowers going to funeral*  
**with slaying constable**

BY GEORGE METZ  
 News staff writer

HATTIESBURG, Miss., March 27 — Forrest County authorities Saturday charged a 20-year-old Negro youth with murder in the slaying of Constable F. L. Humphrey, who was gunned down Friday night near Palmer's Crossing.

Sheriff W. G. Gray identified the Negro as Clodius Shinall. Gray said the youth had admitted shooting Constable Humphrey.

Also jailed here as material witnesses were two other Negroes, who were with Shinall when Humphrey was shot three times with a .22 caliber pistol, Gray said.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE identified the pair as James L. Anderson, 22, and Lewis Willie Smith, 25. All three Negroes are from Palmer's Crossing, a large rural Negro community just south of Hattiesburg.

Mississippi Highway Patrolmen and county officers round-

ed up the trio shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday, acting on information obtained through a white merchant.

Officers said that Anderson and Smith told them that Constable Humphrey approached their car, with Shinall under the wheel, shortly after 10 p.m. Friday.

As Humphrey shined his light into the car, Shinall sped away, the Negroes were quoted as saying, after which Humphrey

leaped in his car and gave pursuit.

Approximately one mile north, the Negroes said the car skidded on loose gravel and stopped partly in the yard of a Negro home.

HUMPHREY ORDERED all out of the car, Anderson and Smith were quoted as saying, and that they got out on the right hand side as he walked to the car.

Shinall, they claimed, rolled  
 Turn to Page 4, Column 1

up himself on standby to go on TV or call in the White House correspondents to talk about something new in Alabama?

How long is the attorney general of the United States going to be in his Justice Department office on the fifth floor in Washington working weekends to help write new legislation dealing with Alabama voting or Klan problems, or listening on his own private hotline to some Alabama roadside where his men are helping to keep the peace in Alabama?

How long is Brig. Gen. Henry Graham, Alabama-born, reared and educated, going to have to forsake his business and stand on the ready to put on his star and direct troops handling affairs of Alabama on orders of the President of the United States?

How long is every man, woman and child in Alabama going to wake up each morning dreading to pick up the newspaper or turn on the tube to discover what new has happened in this state to make our name still more a household "did you see where?" topic from El Segundo to Cape Hatteras?

THAT'S OUR PROBLEM. No state ever had a bigger one. No state had ever failed more to keep its affairs under some reasonable control and failed more to make explanations catch up with its own inadequacy in dealing with its own business.

It doesn't do a lick of good to talk about "outsiders." These are the UNITED STATES. State borders are just lines on a paper map. Anybody can cross them whenever he wants to no matter how much he dislikes the state doing so. It's legal.

THEY DON'T CARE HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT. THEY DON'T CARE HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT. THEY DON'T CARE HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT.

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There are barrels of reasons why none of any of this should have happened and we share many of these understandable explanations. But we should have handled our own business and gotten off this truculent kick in which we keep pointing a finger that nobody sees.

THIS STATE needs to be positive, to put its anguish on the shelf and attend to its business in a positive manner which will convince any reasonable man or woman anywhere that Alabama IS at work in a positive, constructive manner correcting past ills and facing up to realities of the Negro insistence on further redress.

The closed-door, the slick domination of a TV screen to spell out Alabama alibis isn't accomplishing a thing. It's making Alabama look further ridiculous. Glib words do not match the national image of Alabama in terms of a dead mother of five sprawled across the steering wheel of a car out of control.

This state has been described by one angered non-Alabamian as a place that ought to have a fence built around it, which ought to be isolated. It is a tragic, offensive description of bitterness. But that's the way a great many people ARE thinking of us—and they don't separate the bedsheet brutes from decent, churchgoing, law-abiding folk.

THE PEOPLE who can do something about this know who they are. If elected leaders don't put us on a better, more effective, more convincing course, then these are the Alabama people who can do something about it. They'd better get on or

## AN EDITORIAL

# How long can state afford present road?

THREE WEEKS ago Alabama state troopers stomped through a mass of unarmed Negroes in Selma and clubbed them. The nation saw it on TV.

Since then, despite Montgomery's good efforts to keep peace there, almost in the shadow of the Capital building itself mounted possemen and troopers again clubbed demonstrators. The nation saw that on its TV.

Since then, the Rev. James Reeb and two other white ministers were beaten as they peaceably walked Selma streets. Reeb died and the widow and his body went home from Alabama in one of the airplanes of the President of the United States. The nation saw that on TV.

Since then, there came a march that the govern-  
Alabama said our state couldn't afford to protect and so,  
because Alabama didn't handle its own peace-keeping, the  
President of the United States federalized his own men and  
sent them in from Fort Bragg and Fort Benning and saw to  
it that they were in Alabama. The

SINCE THEN, however, troops were instructed that  
Alabama had keeping the peace on its home was heavily again  
— and a white Detroit woman was gunned as she drove an  
automobile down Highway 80. The people of the nation didn't  
see the gunning, but they saw the car doors agape with blood  
on them, all of it on their living room TVs. They saw federal  
men pouring plaster of Paris into a tire track, using an old  
Confederate-flag "license plate" to help hold the white liquid.

Talk about "outside agitators" all you want. Talk about  
keeping complaints in the courts which people of course should  
do. Talk about Communist-fronts or killing on the New York  
subways — talk about all of that as people have endlessly been  
doing in an increased bitterness—but that's not what the people  
of the United States are talking about. They're talking about  
Alabama in terms of all those things they've seen on TV—and  
about which they've read, fully reported by an army of special  
correspondents encamped in newsmaker-Alabama for weeks.

And this is Alabama's problem RIGHT NOW.

IT IS MADE all the more acute because the federals—not  
the state—within some 14 hours arrested four men the  
in connection with Mrs.

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Alpine, California

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Dear [REDACTED]

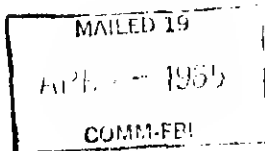
Your letter of April 1st has been received,  
and the thought which prompted you to write me is  
appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service,  
information contained in the files of the FBI must be  
maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations  
of the Department of Justice and is available for official  
use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance  
but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you  
will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (3)  
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
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Alpine, Calif.  
April 1--65

My dear Mr. Hoover:--

Could you please tell me if that dreadful person--  
Rev. Martin King is a Commy? It seems odd to me when we are  
frittering away young American lives in Viet Nam also millions  
of dollars to prevent Communism getting a toe hold in foreign places  
that our foolish President would condone Martin King! Also insult  
police athority! Should not the American people be told the truth?

Faithfully

  
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Could you please tell me if that dreadful person - Rev. Martin King is a Commy? It seems odd to me when we are putting away young American lives in Viet Nam also millions of dollars to prevent Communism getting a hold in foreign places that our foolish President would excuse Martin King! Also insult police authority! Should not the American people be told the truth?

Faithfully

Alpine Calif

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (100-18626) (P)  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies, and for Tampa 4 copies of an LHM relating to captioned subject under the caption of [REDACTED]

Extra copies of this LHM are provided for the Bureau for use in possible dissemination and for Tampa for use in investigation.

LEADSTAMPAAT TAMPA, FLORIDA

(1) Will verify incarceration of [REDACTED] Florida.

(2) Will locate and interview [REDACTED] re information provided by [REDACTED] concerning the planned assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BUFFALOAT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will interview [REDACTED] for any additional details he may have re the planned assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 8) (AM [REDACTED])  
 2 - Tampa (Encls. 4) (AM [REDACTED])  
 1 - Buffalo  
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Buffalo, New York  
March 31, 1965

[REDACTED]

On March 31, 1965, [REDACTED]  
New York State Police, advised the Buffalo Office of the  
FBI that he had interviewed [REDACTED] on  
March 30, 1965 and had obtained from WASHINGTON the signed  
statement set forth below: [REDACTED]

"While I was serving a sentence for  
Attempted Breaking & Entering a Automobile  
at [REDACTED]  
Florida from April, 1964 through October,  
1964 I shared my cell with [REDACTED] who  
stated that he was finishing a life sentence,  
after having it cut by some big wheel in  
Washington.

"During my contact with [REDACTED] he stated  
that he was a member of a syndicate or mob and  
when he was younger he had done a lot of jobs  
including shooting 6 colored people. He also  
made bombs for this gang, now that he is older  
about all he does is make bombs [REDACTED]

"I told him that I wouldn't mind going  
one job that would bring me \$5 or \$10,000  
and then stop. He told me that when I got  
out he could set me up with the type of  
people to pull these kind of jobs. He said  
once you get into it they would never let  
me go & advised me not to go.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions  
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"He told me that I could go on a job with him. He said he had been contacted by a group that offered him \$20,000 or \$25,000 to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. He was suppose to do this job when he got out of jail. He said he could choose his helpers and offered me \$5,000 to drive his car. He said that I would receive the \$5000 in small bills and cash before leaving his house. He couldn't tell me many of the plans until the time the shooting was to take place. The plans would be delivered to him in a sealed envelope with the money. After the shooting we would drive to the closest town and separate and he would drive to his home and I could go where ever I wanted to as he did not want two people in the car.

"He talked about this on several occasions and tried to impress on me that nothing would go wrong. He said I should contact him at his home, [REDACTED] Florida. This would be after we were both out of prison. He said that if he was not home when I got there to tell his wife, [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] from Miami had sent me. His wife knew about his activities and I think she was a big wheel in the group. If I said [REDACTED] sent me she would know it was all right to talk. [REDACTED]

"He continued to stress the point that nothing would go wrong because when these people set something up it would all go like clock work.

"When I got out of prison I never contacted [REDACTED] and decided to go back to [REDACTED] N.Y. with my folks. He impressed on me not to tell anyone about the things we discussed in prison.

"I have finished making this statement at 1:00 PM, 3/30/65 and swear that it is all

[REDACTED]

"true. The statement was given of my own free will without any threats or promises. The statement consists of three (3) pages.

[REDACTED]

"3 Page Statement  
Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 30th day  
of March, 1965

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In addition to the above information, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that although he was married when he originally went to Florida, he lived with a woman (not his wife) named [REDACTED] who has since returned to her home in [REDACTED] New York.

[REDACTED] also indicated that from June of 1963 until his arrest in November of 1963, he had resided at [REDACTED] Florida. After his release from the [REDACTED] resided in a "flophouse" diagonally across the street from the new Police station in [REDACTED] Florida. He stayed at this address for two or three weeks and then returned to his home in [REDACTED] New York because of the death of his sister.

Prior to his arrest, [REDACTED] had been employed by the [REDACTED] Florida. Prior to his incarceration in the [REDACTED] had been kept at the [REDACTED] Florida from November, 1963 to April, 1964.

[REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] with the following description of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Black (graying)
Age	60
Facial Characteristics	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was incarcerated in the [REDACTED] New York on a charge of Assault, 1st Degree. He had been arrested after assaulting a woman in a laundromat during which assault he had tried to steal the woman's purse and had stabbed her eleven times. Following this, he stabbed himself three times in the hand which he had used to grab the woman.

Prior to his incarceration in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had been referred to the [REDACTED] New York for psychiatric examination. The psychiatric diagnosis regarding [REDACTED] was that he had a "passive, aggressive personality disorder with sociopathic traits."

It was recommended that as there had been no evidence of psychosis in regard to the subject at the present time to certify [REDACTED] to a State Hospital, he should be referred to authorities for disposition of the charges pending against him. In this recommendation, it was noted that because of the severity of [REDACTED] personality disorder, there was a possibility of "temporary psychotic breaks."

Records of the Buffalo Office of the FBI reflect that [REDACTED]

New York, [REDACTED] was declared a deserter from the Navy [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He was returned to the Navy [REDACTED]  
and confined [REDACTED]

The following is a description of [REDACTED]

Name	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9 3/4"
Weight	164 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Parents	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 3/31/65 [REDACTED] furnished the following additional information:

He was taken to [REDACTED] in Florida on [REDACTED] and released in early part of October the same year. [REDACTED] had a few weeks or a month to serve on his then present sentence at that time. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] spoke often of having been arrested many times and told everyone he made a business of shooting people, especially negroes. Other inmates of the [REDACTED] considered [REDACTED] a "blowhard." [REDACTED] indicated that when he got out of jail he planned to go straight to his home at [REDACTED]

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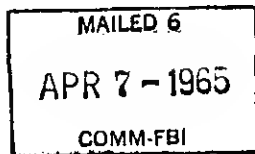
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the individual about whom you inquired.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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1. The subject is a male, born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2. The subject is a [REDACTED]

3. The subject is a [REDACTED] in  
our city and is [REDACTED] in the  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4. The subject is a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5. The subject is a [REDACTED]

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussian, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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IF IN DOUBT WRITE — J. EDGAR HOOVER, F.B.I., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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